

SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:.

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1. Parents are changing the plots of classic fairy tales when reading them aloud because of violence and political incorrectness. Traditional fables such as 'Little Red Riding Hood, The Ginger Bread Man' and The Three Little Pigs' were deemed the worst offenders, with parents linking some of their endings to horror films.
2. The poll which was commissioned by Music Magpie included 2000 parents and revealed that one in four took creative liberties when sharing fairytales with their children to suit their beliefs and ideologies. Meanwhile, another 16% confessed to banning them altogether.
3. While these classic tales might seem playful and innocent on the surface, a closer look at the plot, lines and characters reveals some problematic traits. For example, in 'Little Red Riding Hood', The child is eaten alive by a wolf, only to be saved by a hunter who cuts her out of the animal's stomach with an axe'. "The Three Little Pigs' also reaches a rather gory conclusion with the pigs murdering a wolf and eating it. Lest we forget 'The Ginger Bread Man', whose protagonist is also eaten by a fox. It is an ending that's hard for parents to swallow, with one of them labelling it as 'too cruel' in the survey.
4. However, a deeper analysis of some of the nation's most popular tales unveiled even further issues with regard to political correctness. One in four parents found it inappropriate that 'Cindrella has to do all of the cleanings in her home while another 25% argued that 'sleeping beauty' poses a consent issue, given that prince charming kisses the princess while she is asleep. Meanwhile, 27% believe that 'Pinocchio' encourages children to tell lies while one in four claims that 'The Ugly Duckling' in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan, advocates body shaming.
5. Some of these stories have been around for generations. 'But times have changed and there are elements to these classics which for some don't really fit into society as they once did. We all agree that stories play a vital role in the growth and development of children. The books they read and the characters they get to know can become like friends. Reading stories also helps children with their confidence levels, coping with emotions, and language learning.
6. So stories are a great way to learn in a natural way as there is no teaching involved in it. The learners learn from simply reading the story. The choice of stories must be judicious.

Answer the following question, based on the passage above.

- (i) Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following. 1
The choice of stories must be judicious (Paragraph 6)
(a) Doubt (b) caution (c) denial (d) sadness
- (ii) Supply one point to justify the following in about 40 words. 2
The choice of stories must be judicious.
- (iii) According to the writer, in paragraph 4 he says "The Ugly Duckling' in which an abused duckling is only accepted by society after he has grown into a swan. 1
The vice that this story promotes is... ..
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. 1
From the sets (a) – (e) below, identify two sets of synonyms:

(a) Commission and ban	(b) Innocent and worst
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(c) Reveal and unveiled
(e) Emotions and traits

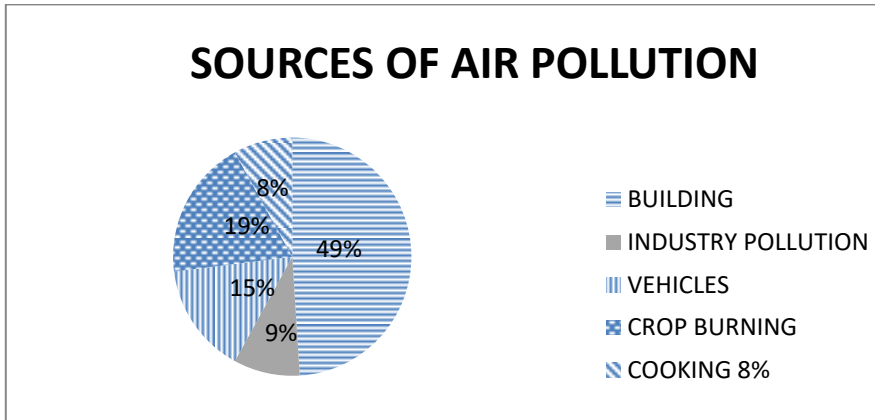
(d) Encourages and advocates

- (v) Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 5. 1
Because of the change in ideologies, some
- (vi) The writer mentions '...a closer look at the plot, lines, and characters reveals some problematic traits. Mention any two examples to support the statement in about 40 words. 2
- (vii) Which issues have been highlighted to be problematic in the Classic fairytales? 1
(a) Consent (b) Body shaming (c) Violence (d) All of these
- (viii) What kind of liberties are modern-day parents taking?[1]

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully.

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1. Air pollution affects health seriously. Of the most polluted 30 cities in the world, 21 were in India in 2019. As per a 2016 study, at least 140 million Indians breathe air that is 10 times or more over the WHO safe limit and 13 of the world's 20 cities with the highest annual levels of air pollutions are in India.
2. Air pollution kills 2 million Indians prematurely every year. Emissions come from vehicles and industry, whereas in rural areas, much of the pollution stems from biomass burning for cooking and keeping warm. In autumn and winter months, large scale crop residue burning in farms- a cheaper alternative to mechanical tilling – is a major source of smoke, smog and particulate pollution.
3. India has a low per capita emission of greenhouse gases but the country as a whole is the third largest greenhouse gas producer after China and United states. A 2013 study on non-smokers has found that have 30% have weaker lung function than Europeans.



4. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has failed to reduce or regulate pollution because of poor enforcement of the rules
5. In 2015, GOI, together with IIT Kanpur launched the National Air Quality Index. In 2019, India launched 'The National Clean Air Programme' with tentative national target of 20%-30% reduction in PM 2.5 and PM 10 concentrations by 2024, considering 2017 as the base year for comparison. It will be rolled out in 102 cities that are considered to have air quality worse than the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
6. There are other initiatives such as a 1,600 kilometre-long and 5 kilometre-wide. The Great Green Wall of Aravalli- an ecological corridor along Aravalli range from Gujarat to Shivalik Hills with the planting of 1,35 billion native trees over 10 years to combat the pollution.
7. In 2019, IIT Bombay, in partnership with the McKelvey School of Engineering (USA), launched the Aerosol and Air Quality Research Facility to study air pollution in India.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2.

The fact-‘Of the most polluted 30 cities in the world, 21 were in India in 2019’ is comparable with urban Indians living in gas-chambers and the air that we breathe can be compared to a mixture of.....

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2.

Air quality in India has worsened so much in the last few years that is contributing to the premature deaths of 2 million Indians every year is (a fact/ opinion) because unfortunately, it is(a/an subjective judgement/ objective detail) that proves that air pollution can be fatal to human health.

- (c) ‘Toxic air emissions are not just rampantly widespread in the cities but are equally pervasive in rural areas threatening the health of people. Justify the following, in about 30-40 words.’

- (d) List any two examples of indoor or domestic pollution as mentioned in the passage.

(i)..... (ii)

- (e) Study the statement.

‘Mechanical tilling is an unpopular method to remove stubs from the fields.’ State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

- (f) Select the options that correctly display what ‘tilling’ signifies. (Reference-Para 2)



(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

- (g) Mention a few steps taken by the government to tackle the problem of air pollution and why some of the efforts fail to make a mark. Answer in about 30-40 words.

- (h) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence,

(1) 20%-30% reduction in PM 2.5 (2) Study air pollution in 102 cities that are worst affected.

(3) 20%- 30% reduction in PM 10.(4) Take 2017 as the base year.

(i) 1 and 2 (ii) 2 and 3 (iii) 1 and 3 (iv) 2 and 4

SECTION B: GRAMMAR & WRITING (20 Marks)

- Q.3 Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

1×10=10

- (a) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

I would (draw) your attention to the violation of the advisory on all children getting the booster dose for hepatitis B.

- (b) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a story published in a popular magazine and supply the correction:

The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain over his body, and when he returned, he was thoroughly wet.

Use the given format for your response

ERROR	CORRECTION

- (c) Anil shared some information with Tariq about his exciting, maiden holiday in Europe and how he enjoyed himself. Report Tariq's question.
- (d) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Shelly and her friend Tanvi.

'Shelly said to Tanvi, 'Can you solve this particularly tough question in linear equation?'

Tanvi, 'It would be shame if I can't because I have been taking tuition all summer vacations.'

Shelly asked Tanvi if she could solve that particularly tough question in linear equations. Tanvi answered that it would be a shame if shetuition all summer vacations.

- (i) can't because she had been taking (ii) can't because she has been taking
(iii) couldn't because she had been taking (iv) couldn't because she was taking

- (e) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option, to complete the last line in an article on the rights of women published in a daily.

Stand up for your rights because nobody else ----- !

- (i) can (ii) should (iii) would (iv) will

- (f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a report on a criminal's activity in the capital region.

Delhi Police are issuing the description of a man who was last seen at the Kwality Restaurant which is on Parliament Street.

Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

- (g) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report on the UNO.

All 5 permanent members have expressed the right of veto at one time or another.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(i)	have	had
(ii)	the	their
(iii)	of	to
(iv)	another	other

- (h) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the beginning of an article in a blog post on adolescence.

The importance of physical exercise as well as mental healthby the modern teenager.

- (i) are well understood (ii) is well understood
(iii) is being understood well (iv) will be well understood

- (i) Report the dialogue between manager and his team members, by completing the sentence.

Manager: I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 yrs of my life at work, I ignored my limits.

Team Manager: But you look quite balanced now.

When the manager admitted that he wasn't proud of the fact that for the first 20 yrs. of his life at work, hehis limits, one of his team member..... quite balanced then.

- (j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a teacher's remark from a student's report card.

You've done an excellent job on your projects. No one else it better.

- (i) may have done (ii) Must have done (iii) could have done (iv) should have done

(k) Complete the line from a famous poem, by filling the blank with the correct option.

Only in the deepest silence of night the stars smile and whisper among themselves.

Vain _____ this seeking! Unbroken perfection is over all!

(i) will be

(ii) is

(iii) shall be

(iv) could be

(l) Identify the error next to a busy shop's billing counter and supply the correction, for the following:

Thanks for your patients.

Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

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

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(A) You are Preeti / Pramod residing at Green View Apartments, Pune. The rising prices of daily commodities have added to the problems of the common man who is finding it difficult to meet his daily needs. Write a letter to editor of a national daily in 100-120 words voicing the problems you are facing because of this inflation and requesting the concerned authorities to look into the matter.

(B) You are Reena / Rajesh living at Mayur Colony, Mumbai. Write a letter of enquiry in 100-120 words to the Director Of National Science Centre, Mumbai, to gather relevant information as you are interested in joining their Astronomy Club. Inquire about eligibility, activities, frequency of meeting and other details.

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

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(A) Read the following report and write an analytical paragraph based on it, in 120 words.

Recent studies have shown a rapid conversion of impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes in the southern states of India, where the prevalence of diabetes among adults has reached approximately 20% in urban populations and approximately 10% in rural populations. Because of the considerable disparity in the availability and affordability of diabetes care, as well as low awareness of the disease, the glycemic outcome of treated patients is far from ideal.

(B) The number of tigers, the biggest cats in the world, is gradually decreasing. Given below is a data which reveal the number of Royal Bengal Tigers in different countries. Write an analytical paragraph in 100- 120 words interpreting the data.

S.NO	NAME OF COUNTRY	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	BANGLADESH	300	460
2	BHUTAN	80	460
3	CHINA	30	35
4	INDIA	2500	3800
5	NEPAL	150	250

SECTION C: LITERATURE (40 Marks)

Q.6 Read the given extracts and answers the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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A. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the Y house, to get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible - until he happened to step in some mud and left footprints as he walked ! (Footprints without Feet)

(i) What did Griffin do to escape after setting the house of his landlord to fire?

(ii) Which phrase would correctly substitute the phrase 'escape' in the given sentence from the extract?

Rupen wanted to escape from the busy life of the city.

(iii) How can you say that Griffin was a brilliant scientist?

- (a) As he carried on various experiments.
- (b) As his experiments were used for common people.
- (c) As he carried on various experiments to prove that human body could become invisible.
- (d) All of the above

(iv) State True or False.

None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be applied to the statement - Griffin went to the town of Iping to get away from crowded London.

- (a) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- (b) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof
- (c) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument
- (d) A theory – a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon Griffin went to the town of Iping to get away from crowded London.

B. That evening, after I'd finished the rest of my homework, the note about the essay caught my eye. I began thinking about the subject while chewing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. (From The Diary of Anne Frank)

(i) What does she write in her essay?

ii) Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly Corresponds to the extract.

- (a) A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- (b) A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- (c) An aside is a brief comment or remark made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.

(iii) What is integral to writing her essay according to Anne?

(iv) According to the passage and the story, Anne was -

- (a) thinking about what to write in the essay
- (b) angry with Mr Keesing
- (c) too tired to write the essay
- (d) unable to write the essay

Q.7 Read the given extracts and answers the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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A. If ever you should go by chance
To jungles in the East;
And if there should to you advance
A large and tawny beast,
If he roars at you as you're dyin'
You'll know it is the Asian Lion (How to Tell Wild Animals)

(i) Fill in the blank with same words applicable.

A person's heart begins to beat when the lion roars because

(ii) What does the poet mean by 'Jungles in the East'?

- (a) Forests in East direction
- (b) Forests of India
- (c) Forests in Asian countries
- (d) Forests in East of London

(iii) What does the poet say about the Asian Lion in this extract? Answer in about 40 words.

(iv) Which genre is most appropriate for the poem?

B.

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,

What, What is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street and then

Merrily over – there it is in the water !

No use to say 'O there are other balls': (The Ball Poem)

(a) What does the expression 'what, what is he to do' denote?

(i) loss of the ball

(ii) ask the poet for another ball

(iii) boy's grief over the loss of the ball

(iv) go down the street

(b) State whether the following statement is True or False

The poet was delighted to watch the ball bouncing down the street into the water.

(c) The poet repeats the word 'what' in order to _____.

(d) There is no use to say 'O there are other balls' indicates that the poet feels that it would be _____ to console the boy.

(i) helpful

(ii) futile

(iii) easy

(iv) shameful

(e) 'What is the boy now, who lost his ball.' Which feeling is expressed in his line?

(i) regret

(ii) cheer

(iii) despair

(iv) thrill

Q.8 Answer any four of the following questions in about 40-50 words each: 4×3=12

(a) 'Family played a vital role in the first flight of the young seagull.' Give examples to substantiate the above statement.

(b) Why did Pranjol not share Rajvir's excitement at seeing the tea gardens?

(c) Would you agree that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'? How does Mandela illustrate this? (Nelson Mandela -Long Walk to Freedom)

(d) Do you think the tiger in the poem had lost its natural instinct due to captivity? (Support your response with the evidence from the poem, A Tiger in the Zoo)

(e) What happened when Maxwell decided to transport Mijbil to England by air? (Mijbil, The Otter)

Q.9 Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each: 2×3=6

(a) "Griffin was rather a lawless person." Comment. (Footprints without Feet)

(b) What does the phrase 'honour among thieves' mean? Why does Horace get angry at this phrase? (A Question of Trust)

(c) What does the thief say about the different reactions of the people when they are robbed? (A Thief Story)

Q.10 Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words each: 6

(a) How did Valli calculate and plan the bus journey? (Madam Rides the Bus)

(b) Why did Kisa Gautami meet Buddha? How did Buddha change her life? (The Sermon at Benares)

Q.11 Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words each: 6

(a) 'Education is considered the most important tool for empowering women in society. It plays an important role in social and cultural development.' Prove the above the above statements in the light of the story 'Bholi'.

(b) Richard Ebright displayed a well – rounded personality. Do you agree? Elucidate in the context of "The Making of a Scientist".
