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General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into four sections: Section A - Reading 20 marks, Section B - Writing Skills and Grammar Skills- 20 marks and Section C Literature- 40 marks.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions and options are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.
5. Marks are mentioned for each question against it.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

Q.1) Read the following passage and answer the question given below it.

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1. Problems like corruption, terrorism, communalism, and the desire for power and wealth continue to affect modern society. More than half of India's population is under the age of 25, and the country's future will only be bright if young people are prepared to face and solve these problems.
2. Every child has a lot of potential, and it is important to nurture and develop This potential from a young age. Since children spend a lot of time in school, the school curriculum should help them understand and practice important values like respect, justice, and civic responsibility. Education should also teach children about their rights and duties, as well as moral values like honesty, responsibility, and respect for others.
3. Moral education should focus on helping children think critically, make good decisions, understand others' feelings, and work together towards common goals.
4. Schools play a big role in shaping a child's character, and the way children are educated affects how they grow into morally responsible citizens who can bring positive changes to society.
5. Today's youth face many challenges, such as drug abuse, violence, and family problems. Without learning moral values, they may struggle to tell the difference between right and wrong. Having a strong moral foundation helps children make the right choices, especially in a time when negative media influences are strong.
6. Many schools in India have added moral education to their curriculum because they understand that the country needs citizens with strong moral values. Since children often see their teachers as role models, teachers are the best people to teach these values.
7. Therefore, schools should focus on the personality development of children because it is one of their most important responsibilities. Schools should take the lead in helping children grow into better people, so they can make the world a better place to live in.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) In paragraph 1, what problems are mentioned as affecting modern society?
- ii) Complete the following with the correct option:
According to the passage, the future of India depends on_____.
a) Building more schools.
b) Equipping young people to deal with the problems of society.
- iii) What should the school curriculum teach children, as mentioned in paragraph 2?
- iv) Select the option that best explains the importance of moral education:
a) Moral education helps children become smarter in academics.
b) Moral education helps children think critically, make good decisions, and work with others.

v) State whether the following statement is True or False.

Schools do not play a big role in shaping a child's character, according to the passage.

vi) The writer mentions some challenges faced by today's youth in paragraph 5.

Which of the following are two challenges the youth are facing?

- a) Lack of education and poor health. b) Drug abuse and violence.
c) Unemployment and corruption. d) Family support and academic pressure.

vii) List two reasons why schools in India have introduced moral education into their curriculum.

viii) Fill in the blank with the correct option:

According to the passage, schools should focus on:

- a) Teaching more subjects. b) Helping children develop into better human beings.
c) Offering more extracurricular activities. d) Giving children more homework.

Q.2) Read the following passage and answer the question given below it.

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The choices we make on a daily basis- wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation- can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself, "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if, or how long, I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress."

That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on— simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else.

Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike, and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i) Which of the characteristics are appropriate about the writer in the following context:

"I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it."?

1. Negligent 2. Indecisive 3. Spontaneous 4. Reckless 5. Purposeless 6. patient

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

ii) The reason why living on the edge has become popular is because of the

- a) constant need for something different. b) population being much younger.
c) exhausting effort to make changes. d) strong tendency to stay within our limits.

iii) The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can

- a) certainly, be dangerous. b) be fairly dangerous.
c) be possibly dangerous. d) seldom be dangerous.

iv) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of "outlook", as used in the passage.

1. A person's evaluation of life 2. A person's experiences in life
3. A person's point of view towards life 4. A person's regrets in life
5. A person's general attitude to life

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (3) c) (3) and (5) d) (4) and (5)

v) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. — Philip Green	To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. — Confucius	Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. — Albert Einstein	Balance is not something you find, it's something you create. — Jana Kingsford
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

- a) Option (1) b) Option (2) c) Option (3) d) Option (4)
- vi) The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of
a) road accidents. b) traffic rules. c) lines on the highway. d) safe driving.
- vii) The author attempts to _____ the readers through this write-up.
a) rebuke b) question c) offer aid to d) offer advice to
- vii) What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
a) Love what you do. b) Love yourself to love others.
c) Be the best version of yourself. d) Be yourself
- ix) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
a) Much too soon b) Enough is enough
c) How much is too much? d) Have enough to do?
- x) The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “Woo-hoo!”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
a) hooked b) guy c) stuff d) stress
- xi) Select the option that makes the correct use of “unsustainable”, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
a) In the long run, the ____ officials followed emergency procedures.
b) Emergency procedures were ____ by the officials.
c) Officials reported an ____ set of events during the emergency.
d) Officials admit that the emergency system is ____ in the longer run.
- xii) What does the author mean when he says, “to get our lives in order”?
a) To resume our lives. b) To organize our lives.
b) To rebuild our lives. d) To control our lives.

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

Grammar (10 Marks)

Q.3) Attempt ANY TEN of the following twelve questions given below.

- i) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line to complete an online update.
During the college days, I _____ beat them all in the race!
a) could b) should c) can d) might
- ii) Read the conversation between Rohit and Amal and complete the narration that follows:
Rohit: I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.
Amal: Yes, after a long time we will be meeting all our friends and teachers.
When Rohit said that he was looking forward to their class picnic, Amal affirmed that _____.
- iii) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:
Since you have been found guilty of _____ (deliver) poor results for six months at a stretch, we are issuing this warning letter to warn you .
- iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from self-help book:
Goals provides direction to our behavior and guide our actions and thoughts.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	provides	provide
(B)	behavior	behaviors
(C)	to	for
(D)	guide	guides

v) Complete the notice by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The swimming pool_____ at 6 a.m. daily.

a) open b) is opening c) opened d) opens

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

The forecast_____(mention) a quiet start to the day with a spell of rain to come later on in the afternoon.

vii) Report the dialogue between two friends, by completing the sentence:

Susan: Do you have any story books to read, Dorothy?

Dorothy: I prefer watching movies in my free time.

In response to the question about story books, Dorothy says that_____.

viii) Identify the error in the given sentence from an article and supply the correction.

Overeating is one of the more wonderful practices among those who think that they can afford it.

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) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

It was a long day. You should be hungry.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

xi) He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?" Reported speech: _____

a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question.

b) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.

c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

d) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question

xii) I Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in an environmental study:

The study examines the relation of carbon emissions and global warming.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

Writing Skills (10 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

Q.4 A) You are Pragya/ Prathmik, of 24/7, Mall Road, Shimla. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of The Daily News expressing your views on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and how, if implemented Sincerely at all levels, it can produce a great change in the society.

Or

B) During the monsoons, mosquitoes find safe places like stagnant water and piles of garbage for breeding. As a result, many cases of dengue fever in your city have been noticed. More than a thousand victims have been hospitalized in different parts of the city. You are Varun/Varsha, a responsible citizen. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, emphasizing the need to create awareness of the problem of dengue, its causes, prevention and treatment.

Q.5 A) The school library is setting up a section of digital and audio books. However, teachers feel that the touch and feel of a paper book enhance the reading experience. Write an analytical paragraph on the above argument in not more than 120 words.

Or

B) Based on a Report on Road Safety: "In a report by the National Crime Records Bureau, over 1.5 lakh people lost their lives in road accidents in India last year. Experts attribute this to rash driving, poor road conditions, and lack of enforcement of traffic rules." Write an analytical paragraph highlighting the causes and suggesting preventive measures in not more than 120 words.

SECTION C-LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

Q.6) Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below.

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A) "He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once, and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him, screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him, curvetting and banking and soaring and diving. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly."

- i) How would you describe the screams of the gulls in the given extract?
a) elation b) bewilderment c) shock d) protection
- ii) Pick the most appropriate reason why the young gull felt dizzy.
a) He hadn't eaten anything for a day. b) He was dizzy with excitement.
c) He was wary of heights. d) He was flying for the first time.
- iii) Which of the following mirrors the use of the literary device in "shrieking shrilly"?
a) sparkling saga b) singing soft c) slippery sloppily d) sneeze silently
- iv) The line "he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly" implies the
a) great confidence the young gull had in his skills. b) naturalness of the act of flying for the young gull.
c) satisfaction and joy of flying together as a family. d) desire of the young gull to leave his fears behind.
- v) The extract refers to the many movements of the young gull's brothers and sister. Choose the option that correctly sequences these movements.
a) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by, tilting their wings, rose high, made darting movements and plunged headfirst.
b) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by plunging headfirst, making darting movements, titled their wings and rose high.
c) The young gull's brothers and sister flew with darting movements, titled their wings, rose high and plunged headfirst.
d) The young gull's brothers and sister flew by, rising high, plunging headfirst, making darting movements and tilting their wings.
- B)** With a satisfied expression, he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

- i) State TRUE or FALSE. None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be an answer to the question - Who was satisfied?
 a) Lencho's wife b) The postmaster c) Lencho d) Lencho's children
- ii) With a satisfied expression, he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.
- iii) Which phrase/word would correctly substitute 'draped' in the given sentence from the extract. With a satisfied expression, he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain.
- iv) Which of the following is NOT an answer to the question- What happened suddenly?
 a) Suddenly strong wind began to blow. b) Huge hailstones began to fall.
 c) Soil started reaping the crop. d) Raindrops began to fall on the ground.

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

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A)

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
 Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
 Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!
 (There is a languid, emerald sea,
 Where the sole inhabitant is me –
 A mermaid, drifting blissfully.)"

- i) Which of these is a synonym for "languid"?
 a) Rapid b) Relaxed c) Sickly d) Humid
- ii) Which literary device is used in the line, "A mermaid, drifting blissfully"?
 a) Repetition b) Alliteration c) Allusion d) Paradox
- iii) What do the brackets in the extract imply?
 a) Amanda is dreaming. b) Amanda is listening. c) Amanda is reading. d) Amanda is speaking.
- iv) How would you describe the adult's tone?
 a) Relaxed b) Scared c) Indifferent d) Scolding
- v) What can we say about Amanda based on this extract?
 a) She feels sleepy. b) She feels relaxed. c) She feels trapped. d) She feels liberated.

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!"

- i) What is the tone of the poet in this extract?
 a) Angry and harsh b) Sympathetic and reflective c) Excited and cheerful d) Sarcastic and rude
- ii) Identify the poetic device used in above extract.
- iii) What does the ball symbolize in the poem?
 a) A toy he cannot replace b) the end of his childhood c) A game he lost d) His pet
- iv) What emotion does the boy most likely feel in this moment?
- v) What is the poet trying to teach through this incident?
 a) Balls should not be played near streets b) Losing things can teach responsibility and acceptance
 c) Children should take care of their toys d) Adults should always help kids

Q.8) Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.

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- i) What is 'dust of snow'? How has the poet's mood changed?
- ii) What did 'being free' mean to Mandela as a boy and as a student?
- iii) Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. How?
- iv) Why does Anne think that paper has more patience than people?

v) Why did the children become excited to see the baker? What did they do then?

Q.9) Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

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i) Why was Mr. Herriot shocked when he saw Tricki in bad condition?

ii) What was the passion of Horace Danby and how did he satisfy it?

iii) What story did Ausable tell Max about the balcony? Why did he tell him so?

Q.10) Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

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i) In a parallel world, the pilot of the black aeroplane narrates his adventure in a story titled The Old Dakota.

You come across an excerpt from the story, which responds to the ending questions of Black Aeroplane and describes the black airplane pilot's decision to fly away after watching the Dakota land. Compose the said excerpt of the story employing relevant details from Black Airplane.

ii) Both the poems "*A Tiger in the Zoo*" and "*How to Tell Wild Animals*" Present descriptions of wild animals, but in very different tones and styles. Compare and contrast the way the poets describe wild animals in the two poems. How do their attitudes towards animals differ? Support your answer with examples from both poems.

Q.11) Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

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i) Imagine that the young lady thief writes a letter to Horace Danby while he is in prison. Write the letter imagining yourself to be that young lady with respect to the story.

ii) What does Hari get from Anil in return for his work? (The Thief's Story)