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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.Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non - organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it is healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.

2.There is one main difference between organic and non - organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.

3.Some people think organic also means 'locally grown' and originally it was indeed true. But over a period of time organic farming has become a big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non - organic products for many years also began selling organic products

4.Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is safer and more nutritious. They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically - grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think it is more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non - organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very important.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) People are willing to pay high prices for organic food because
 - a) it does not contain agricultural chemicals.
 - b) it is produced by small companies.
 - c) it is not easily available.
 - d) it helps in weight loss.
- ii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following:
Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate.
 - a) denial
 - b) caution
 - c) confirmation
 - d) acceptance
- iii) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3.

Opinion	Reason
Big food companies have started selling organic food product	

iv) The writer contrasts organic food to non - organic food.

State one point of comparison between the two.

v) Based on your reading of the text, list one benefit of eating organic food.

vi) What connect does the writer draw between contamination of food and washing hands?

vii) The writer says that people believe that it is safer and more nutritious to eat organic food.

Select the reason for his sceptical view.

a) it is tastier

b) the price decides the popularity

c) it is marketed by big food companies

d) there is no confirmed evidence

viii) Supply one point to justify the following: Some people think organic also means locally grown.

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

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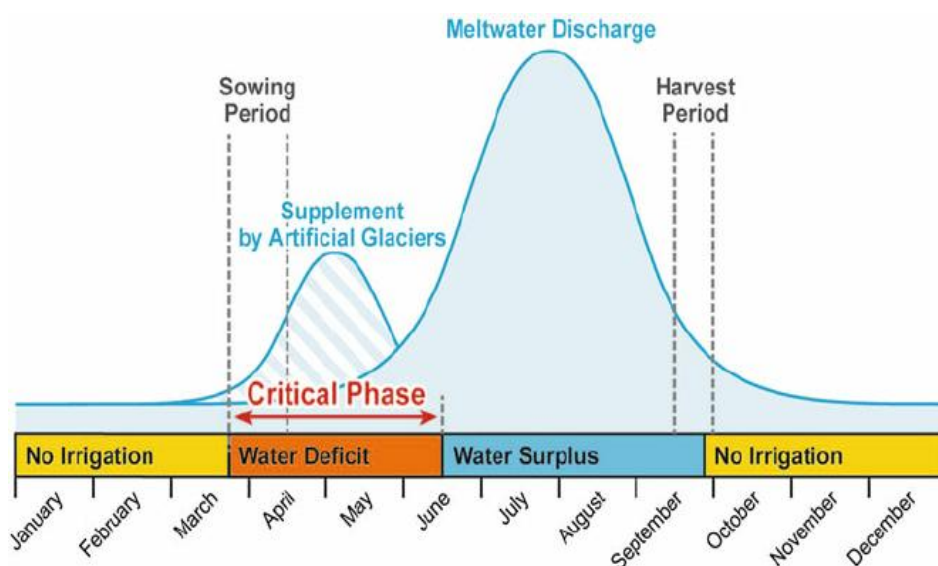
1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.

4. Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.

5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.
- ii) Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:
Agriculture is completely dependent on _____ unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.
a) rainfall pattern b) climate change c) glaciers melt d) extreme winter conditions
- iii) Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers.
- iv) List two reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option.
- v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3:
icing: cake:: layers: _____
- vi) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:
At the start of winter, the diverted water is made to flow _____.
a) on sloping hills facing distribution channels. b) on high altitude.
c) on ice-cold water level. d) on mountain range.
- vii) Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option:
The _____ have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.
a) glaciers b) rivers c) streams d) water springs
- viii) The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means _____.

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

Grammar (10 Marks)

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

- i) 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
- ii) Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence.
Rahul: Saheb, what did you like most about your visit to the village?
Saheb: The sense of joy in the simple things of life.
In response to the question about what he liked about his visit to the village, Saheb says _____.
- iii) Read the dialogue between Manish and his father, regarding Manish's cricket coaching.
Father: Did you get a new coach in the academy to train you?
Manish: Yes, the new coach is very motivating and pushes us to perform better.
Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.
Manish's father asked him _____.
Manish answered in the affirmative and added that the new coach was very motivating and pushed them to perform better.
a) if he is getting a new coach in the academy to train him.
b) whether he got a new coach to train him.
c) whether he gets a new coach in the academy to train him.
d) if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.
- iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.
Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but _____ (either / neither / every) of them seems to take it seriously.
- v) 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

- vi) It seems that somebody _____ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I _____ late for school four times last week
a) writes / was b) wrote / would be c) had written / was d) has written / have been

vii) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying. Report Ritu's question.

Ritu: Anita, what is the matter?

viii) 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

ix) 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

x) Identify the error and supply the correction.

Both the boys had got a scolding but either of them paid heed.

xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

Long, long afterward in an oak I _____ the arrow still unbroke,

- a) found b) find c) finds d) am finding

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

Delhi Haat, INA, New Delhi ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021
The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by
the artisans and craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

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) 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.

OR

B) As a health-conscious person, you have noticed an advertisement in a newspaper on yoga classes in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the Organiser, Yoga for Public, R.K. Puram, New Delhi requesting him/her to send you information about the duration of the course and other relevant details. You are Shweta/Srikar of 15, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

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) The table below displays data about the number of gyms and the number of members in your city over the past decade. Write a paragraph analyzing the given information:

Year	No. Of Gyms	No. Of Members
2010	24000	28000
2012	30000	28000
2014	30000	30000
2016	40000	35000
2018	45000	45000
2020	30000	28000
2022	35000	36000

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) 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.

B) Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate. His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away. But for the life of him he could not move.

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

A)

v) How does the tone of the speaker in this extract reflect the theme of control versus freedom in the poem?

v) How does the poem point to the cruelty of animals in captivity? Answer in the context of the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo".

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) In the chapter A Question of Trust, Horace Danby's final arrest was a blessing in disguise. Comment briefly.
- 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) After having read the lesson on the oppression that communities faced in South Africa, you were deeply hurt. You could also relate to the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about oppression faced by people in their homeland.

You may begin like this: 24 August 20XX, Monday 9:00 pm My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land ...

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)