

## Section {A} Reading

[20 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below.

(8)

1. Stones can have a mesmerising effect and you can see pink sandstone come alive of Akshardham in Temple, built on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi. Inaugurated by the President of India on 6th November, 2005, the temple is an example of traditional architecture in the modern day.
2. The enormous and sprawling campus rolls out over 100 acres and was built over five years at the cost of ₹200 crores. It took over 7,000 craftsmen and artisans, from all over the world, to carve and construct this beautiful piece of architecture working day and night. The artisans can still be seen chipping at the sculpture using traditional chisel and hammer to carve their intricate designs.

It took over 300 million man-hours to create this unique temple that offers not just a piece of worship, but also the international visitor. There is also a musical fountain that comes alive at Sundown. The fountains sway to chants from the Hindu scriptures and Vedic prayers, and change their colour with the mood of the music they dance to.

3. The Akshardham Temple is dedicated to the Hindu God Lakshmi- Narayan, Shiva-Parvati, Radha-Krishna and Sita Ram and another 20,000 idols of disciples carved both inside and on the outside of the temple walls. A 12-minute boat ride in a cave like hall introduces the visitor to the various dimensions of Indian culture as they existed 10,000 years ago.
4. Life size and life-like idols frame either side of the water body with a pre-recorded commentary playing that explains the significance of each setting. Visitors would be astonished to learn that many amazing medical and scientific discoveries were made in India. For example, plastic surgery was performed for the first time in the world, in India. The concept of zero also originated in the same country. Astronomy and the understanding and prediction of eclipses, medical procedures and weaponry making were among the many other firsts in India.
5. The main monument stands 141 feet height, 316 feet wide and 270 feet long. It has 239 ornately carved pillars and nine domes. An 11 feet tall statue of Lord Swaminarayan towers highest, along with statues of other deities. The entire monument rises on the shoulders of 148 huge elephants along with other birds and animals that tell fables highlighting moral values. These are further explained in words carved on small slabs stones alongside. The temple also has carvings of 869 peacocks surrounded by exquisite arches.

(340 words)

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions.

- (i) What material is the Akshardham temple made of and where does it stand? (1)
- (ii) Who inaugurated the Akshardham temple and when? (1)
- (iii) How much man power and time was taken to construct this temple? (1)
- (iv) What is special about the musical fountain at Akshardham? (1)
- (v) 12 minute boat ride inside serves a purpose. What is it? (1)
- (vi) To whom is the Akshardham temple dedicated? (1)
- (vii) What is surrounded by exquisite arches in the temple? (1)
- (viii) Whose statue is the tallest one among other statues at Akshardham? (1)
- (ix) Describe the monument as stated in the passage. (1)

**2. Read the passage given below.**

(12)

1. More than one hundred definitions of sustainable development exist, but the most widely used one is from the World Commission on Environment and Development, presented in 1987. It states that sustainable development is "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainable development promotes the idea that social, environmental and economic progress are all attainable within the limits of our Earth's natural resources. Sustainable development approaches everything in the world as being connected through space, time and quality of life.

2. In terms of the world being connected by space, consider the following: Pesticides sprayed in Chile have the potential to harm fish stocks off the coast of Japan. The air pollution we emit in Los Angeles affects the quality of air in Asia. On the flip side, clean air practices on one continent will positively impact air quality across the ocean.

3. The Earth's connection to time is demonstrated in how we, today, are either benefitting or suffering from the choices of our grandparents and other ancestors. Their decisions about how to farm their land, for example, continue to impact the agricultural practices of today. Looking to the future, the economic choices we make and policies we endorse today will be the ones affecting our children and grandchildren as adults. Sustainable development constantly seeks to achieve social and economic progress in ways that will not exhaust the Earth's finite natural resources. The needs of the world today are real and immediate, yet it's necessary to develop ways to meet these needs that do not disregard the future. The capacity of our ecosystem is not limitless, meaning that future generations may not be able to meet their needs the way we are able to now.

4. The world's resources are finite and growth that is unmanaged and unsustainable will lead to increased poverty and decline of the environment. We owe it to future generations to explore lifestyles and paths of development that effectively balance progress with awareness of its environmental impact. In order to preserve the future, we must appreciate the interconnectedness between humans and nature at all levels. Sustainable development practices can help us do this, and through education and building awareness, preserving the future is within everyone's reach. (380 words)

**2 : 1** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2 × 4 = 8)

- (i) What is sustainable development? (2)
- (ii) How is everything in the world connected? Give one example. (2)
- (iii) How is the Earth's connection to time demonstrated? (2)
- (iv) What will unmanaged growth lead to? (2)
- (v) Why is sustainable development a must for our ecosystem? How the preservation of future can be done? (2)

**2 : 2** On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any two of the following questions. (1 × 2 = 2)

- (i) How does sustainable development approaches everything in the world?
- (ii) How does sustainable development seek to achieve social and economic progress?
- (iii) What is the effect of spraying pesticides in Chile?

**2 : 3** Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following (any two). (1 × 2 = 2)

- (i) Adjusting (Para 1)
- (ii) Approve (Para 3)
- (iii) Inquire into (Para 4)

## Section B

Q3.

- A. Write a letter to the editor of a National Daily about the problems that India faces because of brain drain. Also give some suggestions to stop this. Write a letter in about 120-150 words. Take help from the points given below too.

# Flow of intelligence from developing to developed countries

# Good jobs

# Attractive Salaries

# Better living standard

# Scope for promotion

- B. You are Rakhi/Ashok. You have seen the following news item in a newspaper, video games, internet, cell phones and other high-tech gears are just part of growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distracting to them and cramping their academic and social development.
- C. You are Kazim/Kumud of 130, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad. You are awaiting your 12<sup>th</sup> results. Meanwhile, you would like to do a short-term course on etiquette development. Write a letter to The Director, Personal Care, Hyderabad, enquiring about the course details.
- D. You are Mohit/Mohini, Jawahar Ganj, Hapur. Two months ago you bought a cooler from M/S Cool Home coolers, Hapur. Now you discover that it is not working properly. Write a letter to The Manager complaining about the malfunctioning of the unit and asking them to repair or if needed to replace it against the warranty that goes with it.
- E. You are Sumita/Sumit, the librarian of ABC Public School, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Evergreen Publication placing an order for some books for the school library.
- F. You are Ravi/Sonika residing at C- 20 Anand Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter to the General Manager of Lucknow Transport Undertaking to

report about the poor, irregular local bus service and with a request to find a solution.

- G. The Information Technology has provided new avenues to the student for knowledge, creativity, discovery as well as job opportunities at home and abroad. Computers have brought in a silent revolution. Write an article in 120-150 words showing how the information technology has provided the younger generation new opportunities, joys of discovery and thrill of creativity. You are Madhu/Mudit.
- H. You have been asked to write an article in about 120-150 words for your school magazine on "INDIA SINCE 1947" highlighting both India's progress as well as grim poverty. You are Kapil.
- I. India has been facing and fighting terrorism for the last twenty years. Infact terrorism has disrupted the peace and harmony of the country and created panic and insecurity. Write an article in about 120-150 words on "Terrorism: A curse to Humanity ". You are Deepak/Jyoti
- J. Write an article in about 120-150 words for your school magazine on the topic "Value Education – A remedy for social evils; You are Mohit or Mona.

**Q4** Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below:

Mrs Gupta a public transport bus-big rush-purse in her hand-felt-a young man pushing her-afraid-pickpocket-raised a hue and cry-man caught.

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below:

On October 4, we all were decorating our house to celebrate the most long awaited festival, Diwali. My heart was filled with excitement to meet my father after along gap of six year, But a call from the army headquarter left us stunned....

**Q5** Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given below:

The idiot box is (A)..... pushing the bookshelf out of the (B)..... even in region that have a high literacy rate and a long tradition of libraries. According to the finding of a sample survey (C)..... average Keralite now spends 90

minutes (D)..... cable television and 80 minutes reading books. However , Tv is not the only culprit; the survey,(E)..... by the Kerala Library Council to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library movement in the state (F)..... that lack of interest and high price of books (G)..... Equally responsible for the people running away (H)..... serious reading.

(A)1. Increasing 2. Increasingly 3. Increased 4. To increase

(B)1. Home 2. House 3. Houses 4. Homes

(C)1. A 2. An 3. The 4. By

(D) 1. Watches 2. Watched 3. Is watching 4. watching

(E) 1. Was conducted 2. Conduct 3. Conducted 4. Being conducted

(F) 1. Indicates 2. Is indicated 3. Indicating 4. Indicated

(G) 1. Is 2. Are 3. Was 4. Were

(H) 1. With 2. At 3. From 4. For

## Q6

A. The following passage has been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example.

	ERROR	CORRECTION
The Louvre is a world's largest	e.g. A	THE
And old museum. It is located	(a) .....	.....
Along the bank of the Seine River by Paris, France.(b) ....	.....	.....
Also called the Grand Louvre, it is the world's most visiting museum.(c) ....	.....	.....
It attracted tourist from all over the world (d) .....	.....	.....

B. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that come before and the word that come after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

BEFORE WORD AFTER

Twenty year ago, kid in school never even(A).... ..

Heard the internet. The internet is a vast resource(B).... ..

For type of information. It is like a giant bulletin(C).... ..

Board that the whole world uses! But anyone can put(D).... ..

Anything the internet, you have to be careful. You must(E)... ..  
Use your best judgment browsing it. And you(F)..... ..  
Can't rely on what strangers you meet the(G)..... ..  
Internet tell either.

Q7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

- (A) Had finished/ he smiled / when he / the ivory statue / of a beautiful woman / one day
- (B) Smile / at having found / it was / the innocent / new and unique / of a child / something
- (C) By the beauty / that / to worship it / he was / falling down / he felt like / so impressed / on his knees/ of the statue
- (D) That he/ a masterpiece / and called / he realized/ this beauty, /had created / Galatea

Q8. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FROM FICTION

**Extract Base Questions**

A) "In a world that is supposed to be chiefly swayed by hunger and by love Mrs. Packletide was an exception; her moments and motives were largely governed by dislike of LoonaBimberton"

**QUESTIONS**

- 1) How Mrs Packletide's behaviour different from others?
- 2) What governed her motives?
- 3) Who was LoonaBimberton?
- 4) How was Mrs Packletide an exception?

B) " All he felt now was a keen anticipation and suppressed excitement. It was the feeling he used to feel twenty year ago just before he stopped on to the stage"

**QUESTIONS**

- 1) Who is 'he'?
- 2) What did he do twenty years ago?
- 3) What was he excited about?
- 4) Name the chapter from which these lines are taken.

Q9

**SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

- 1) Why did John write ghost stories? Justify
- 2) Give the pen character traits of the ghost and give the way she used to appear.
- 3) Who made writer's inspiration Bureau? Why?
- 4) "We do many things, sir" Nicola answered seriously. Illustrate this statement.
- 5) Who were the two boys who the narrator met on his way to Verona? Why was the narrator attracted towards them?
- 6) What did the nurse tell the narrator about the boys?
- 7) The narrator preferred to keep the secret which the boys did not want to reveal. What was the secret and why did the boys want to keep it?
- 8) "It was Mrs. Packletide's pleasure and intention that she should shoot a tiger" Why?
- 9) Who was Loona Bimberton? What daring feat had she achieved that led to Mrs Packletide disliking her?
- 10) What preparations were made for the shooting?
- 11) "Miss Mebbin had a sisterly attitude for Mrs Packletide" Explain this with reference to chapter
- 12) How did Miss Mebbin blackmail Mrs Packletide at last?
- 13) 'Ali displays qualities of love and patience' Give evidence from the story.
- 14) Describe youth of old man Ali and why did Ali give up hunting?
- 15) How was the heart of the postmaster brimming with sympathy for Ali?
- 16) Explain Ali's dictum, "The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation inescapable"
- 17) Describe youth of Patol alone with his professional life.
- 18) What was the advice of PatolBabu's mentor and guru Pakrashi? And how did PatolBabu reconcile to the dialogue given to him?

- 19) What was the miracle recovery?
- 20) 'Dad is nutty about computers' Explain
- 21) Describe the wild west, dragon quest, jail-break games and how did Michael hit the Jackpot?

### **VALUE BASE QUESTIONS**

Q 10.

- 1) 'Their selfless action brought a new mobility to human life 'gave promise of a greater hope for human society? Justify

OR

What struck one the most was their willingness to work? Explain

- 2) 'Vanity has a fall' Discuss it with reference to the chapter 'Mrs Packletide Tiger'

OR

Show negative aspects of high society or fun made in the chapter of high society women

- 3) How far can we allow ourselves to be taken by technology

OR

A natural and unassuming way of life pave way to happiness. Explain

OR

How did Michael play his psycho drive games? Describe.

- 4) 'Ali understood the meaning of love and separation' Explain with reference to the chapter

OR

'Ali displays qualities of love and patience' How?

- 5) Dedication and hard work are essential for success. Explain how these qualities enable PatolBabu to perform stage show?

OR

Do you agree with the standard that PatolBabu is a practical man who comes to term with whatever life has to offer? But why in the end he left away without getting his payment? Give reasons for your answer

6) After her reconciliation with her husband, John Hallock, Lavinia writes a letter to her friends expressing how her relationship with him had almost been on the verge of breaking and what saved it. Write her letter.

OR

Lack of trust shakes the very foundation of human relationship. How does Lavinia's suspicious nature threaten to their wreck marriage?

Literature (Poetry)

Extract based (Attempt any two question given below the extract):-

**(1)**

"For her ears were now addicted  
To applause quite unrestricted  
And to sing into the night  
All alone gave no delight."

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Whose 'ears' are talked about here?
- (c) Why did the singer here get 'no delight'?
- (d) Write the meaning of the term 'unrestricted'?
- (e) Identify the poetic device used in the last line of the extract.

**(2)**

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed;

- (a) Identify the poetic device used in the first line of the extract.

- (b)What is the ambiguity juxtaposition in line 3 of the extract?
- (c)What is the meaning of 'sneer' and 'sculptor'?
- (d)How can we say that the sculptor read those expressions well?
- (e)How do you think that an artist has become more powerful than a king?

**(3)**

And immediately, I regretted it.

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!

I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human  
education.

- (a)Identify the poem and the poet.
- (b)What does the poet regret?
- (c)Why does the poet curse his human education?
- (d)Why does the poet despised himself?
- (e)Why was the act mean?

Short answer type questions (to be answered in 30-40 words):

- (a)What is ironical about the frog's statement "your song must be your own"?
- (b)How will the poet's friend dwell in lover's eyes?
- (c)In what ways wars are wasteful?
- (d)Why did the Albatross follow the ship?
- (e)Why did the poet wait for the snake to quench its thirst first?
- (f)What makes the poem 'Ozymandias' memorable?
- (g)What message does the poet convey to his reader in the poem 'Ozymandias'?
- (h)How did the ancient mariner stop one of the wedding guests on his ship and why?

Value based question from poems:

- (a) We can't destroy a person by power but we can destroy him by crushing his morale completely. Elaborate. (From: The Frog and the Nightingale)
- (b) 'The materialistic things do not last forever. What lasts is our good behavior and the principles we have.' Elaborate. (From: Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments)
- (c) No sinful action can ever go without its consequences. What consequences does the ancient mariner have to face as a result of his sinful action? (From: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner)
- (d) 'Snake' is a poem that has a unique way of dealing with the moral consciousness of society. Explain the statement with reference to the poem.

Drama section ('The Dear Departed' and 'Julius Caesar')

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow (any four):

(1)

"Pringle attended him when he was alive and Pringle shall attend him when he's dead. That's professional etiquette"

- (a) Who speaks these words?
- (b) Who is Pringle?
- (c) Who is he in the lines?
- (d) Why couldn't Pringle attend him recently?
- (e) What does 'professional etiquette' mean?

(2)

"O, pardon me thou bleeding piece of earth,  
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!"

- (a) By whom have the above words been spoken?
- (b) Who are the butchers referred to in the extract?
- (c) Why is the speaker meek with the butchers?
- (d) Explain the phrase 'thou bleeding piece of earth'?
- (e) Write the antonym of the word 'gentle'?

Short answer type questions (to be answered in 30 -40 words):

- (a) Mrs. Jordon says that she has a feeling that father has not paid his premium. How do all react to it?
- (b) What does Mrs. Slater eye on in grandfather's room? What were her plans after his death?
- (c) How does the father come to know that he was presumed to be dead?
- (d) Why were Mr. and Mrs. Jordon visiting the Slaters after so many years?
- (e) Describe the reaction of the Slaters and the Jordons when Abel Marry weather walks in the parlor?
- (f) Discuss the significance of the title of the play 'The Dear Departed'. Bring out the irony inherent in it.
- (g) How does the heaven blaze forth the death of Julius Caesar?
- (h) Why does Calpurnia say, 'Caesar's wisdom is consumed in confidence'? What does she mean?
- (i) What are the arguments put forward by Decius Brutus to convince Caesar to go to Capitol?
- (j) What is the petition put before Caesar by the conspirators? How does Caesar respond to it?
- (k) What is the most surprising announcement made by Abel Marry weather in the end? How does it affect the other characters of the play?
- (l) Why does Caesar make the following remark, "Cowards die many times before their deaths"?
- (m) How does Antony prove to the mob that Caesar was not ambitious?
- (n) How do Brutus and Cassius meet their end?
- (o) Give two examples of supernatural elements from the play?
- (p) "Caesar's dead body could accomplish what Caesar could not do in his life time". Discuss strategic importance of Caesar's dead body and how it is exploited to the maximum?

### Long Answer type Questions from Plays

(a) The grandfather had been living with his daughters turn by turn. What he needed was only love but what he received greed and loneliness. Keeping this in view, write an article on, "Lust is all get ..... Love is all give".

(b) "Modern society has become insensitive towards the old people." Express your views on the above topic.

(c) Even at the time when the grandfather is supposedly dead, the sisters are trying to pull each other down. With reference to the play 'The Dear Departed' mention the traits that the two sisters display. Do you approve of them? Give a reasoned answer.

(d) The character of Brutus is a conflict between his notion of honour and friendship of Caesar. Discuss how he resolves the conflict and why he is unsuccessful?

(e) "Now let it work Mischief, thou art afoot, take thou what course thou will!" Who says the above lines? How does he succeed in instigating the people of Rome against the conspirators?

(f) Antony in his speech presents Caesar as "a paragon of virtue and patriotism". Discuss the glowing tribute he paid to Caesar in his funeral speech.

(g) What arguments did Brutus give to justify the killing of Caesar?

(h) "Action speaks louder than words." Caesar was philanthropic who did a lot for the Romans. It was only because of the value of doing the best for the Romans that his death was avenged by the mob. Comment.

Q 11

### *From novel "The Diary Of A Young Girl" Long Answer Type Questions:*

1. What did Anne Frank think about Peter's character? What did Anne write in the letter to her father?
2. Give a character sketch of Mr. Dussel.
3. Anne's father Otto Frank was close to her. What did she like about him? Why?

4. Paper is more patient than human beings so Anne recorded all her valuable and authentic account in her diary. Explain this with reference to the novel.
5. Write a character sketch of Mr. Van Daan.
6. Give a character sketch of 'Kitty' (Anne Frank) OR Why does Anne call herself "a bundle of contradictions"?
7. Describe Anne's relationship with her mother. What made it complex?
8. Why did the Franks have to go in hidings? Where was the place located and how does Anne describe it?
9. Anne considered her family lucky or unfortunate to be living in the Annexe?
10. How did Mr. Dussel treat Mrs. Van Daan when she was suffering from toothache?