
Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

The Question Paper is divided into three Sections:

Section A : Reading Skills **20 Marks**

Section B : Writing Skills and Grammar **30 Marks**

Section C : Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Text 30 Marks

General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
 2. Marks are indicated against each question.
 3. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.
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SECTION A-READING

(20 MARKS)

1. **Read the following passage carefully :** (8 Marks)

We sat in silence in the dark of the night as the large head appeared from the large foliage. The female was young, healthy and alert. Seconds later, she walked confidently to the edge of a waterhole followed by not one, not two, but three -beautiful young cubs. Like works of art on display, all four tigers bent low at the waterhole that had been created for them and for the myriad creatures that shared their troubled kingdom. The Goshri tigers had come visiting and we watched them with rapt attention on our closed-circuit TV screens, in the conservation retreat of Harsh and Poonam Dhanwatey, a husband and wife team whose life had been dedicated to the protection of tigers in and around Maharashtra's Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve. Their son Nikhil carefully positioned the cameras and cabled them 40 metres from their conservation retreat, near the waterhole that had turned into a magnet for every conceivable animal found in the Tiger Reserve itself. We were making preparations to set up one of the first Community Conservation Reserves in Central India. Originally into business, the Dhanwateys changed tracks midstream by shutting down a thriving interior design business in response to just one meeting they had with Dr. UllasKaranth and Valmik Thapar, two of India's finest tiger people, in Nagpur. In their own words: "From admirers of wildlife we became passionate defenders and we launched our non-governmental organization called Tiger Research and Conservation Trust (TRACT)." The Dhanwateys lived for years in a small but that was their field camp near the famous Tadoba Lake and they discovered the secrets of the forest in the best way possible, by walking its trails, and generally learning all they could about the magical mix of life that comprise this tropical, dry deciduous forest.

1.1 Based on your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words or phrases: (1x8=8 Marks)

- (a) The narrator and the others watched with rapt attention as the _____.
- (b) Harsh and Poonam Dhanwatey had dedicated their lives to the cause of _____.
- (c) Before taking up the cause of tigers the Dhanwateys were _____.
- (d) The waterhole is referred to as a magnet because _____.
- (e) The narrator had gone to the Tiger Reserve to _____.
- (f) The meeting with Dr. Ullas Karanth and Valmik Thapar changed the lives of _____.
- (g) The Dhanwateys discovered the secrets of the forest by _____.
- (h) TRACT stands for _____.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

1. Which is better, veg or non-veg? A lot of people take immense pride in being vegetarians. The idea behind vegetarianism is that of ahimsa, non-violence or compassion towards all. So when you order your veggie Mac with Coke, veggie delight pizza with Pepsi, puri, bhaji, shrikhand, chole batura, dal bhatti, jalebi, churma, rasgulla etc, is there no ahimsa there? You are killing your own stomach. Too much food is a form of cruelty too; you are being cruel to your own stomach.
2. May be you cringe at the sight of chickens packed in stuffy carriers and goats on carts, and can't generally stand the idea of a chicken or a non-veg dish on the same table as yours; or despise people who eat non-veg. But are you being truly compassionate? Or is your compassion reserved only for animals?
3. Vegetarians need to understand that being a vegetarian is about practising non-violence and compassion towards all, including yourself. Ahimsa is a much deeper philosophy, and not as superficial as ordering eggless pastry, or disallowing non-veg restaurants in your neighbourhood or forcing all restaurants in the neighbourhood to serve only veg food. And like everything else this ahimsa has to start with being kind or compassionate towards yourself. If we continue to load our stomachs then all benefits of vegetarianism are lost. A stuffed stomach is in a much more pitiful condition than the chicken in the stuffy carriers going over speed breakers.
4. On the other hand there are non-vegetarians who can't stop pitying the poor vegetarians. They argue that vegetarians are deprived of meat which is so rich in proteins and great in taste. Our body's ability to digest and absorb proteins depends on our state of mind, time of the day and

most importantly on how full we are feeling. So if you have eaten a lot of your favourite chicken dish, thinking it's all protein so it won't convert to fat, you are just being hopelessly optimistic. Veg or non-veg, whatever you choose to eat, be kind to yourself and your stomach and eat only a little at one time. Remember the golden rule, just fill half your stomach at one time. With this you will be practising ahimsa even while consuming non-veg food.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow

(2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) Why do a lot of people take pride in being vegetarians?
- (b) According to the writer, "Too much food is a form of cruelty too." How?
- (c) Why do non-vegetarians pity vegetarians?
- (d) What golden rule must be followed while eating food?

2.2 Answer the following very short answer questions. (1x2=2 Marks)

- (a) When is one cruel to oneself ?
- (b) When has Ahimsa to start?

2.3 Answer the following questions by selecting the correct options :

(1x2=2 Marks)

- (a) What is meant by the word, 'compassion'? (Para 1)
 - (i) cruelty (ii) indifference
 - (iii) care (iv) passion
- (b) What is the antonym of the word, 'optimistic'? (Para 4)
 - (i) vivacious (ii) light hearted
 - (iii) depressed (iv) pessimistic

SECTION B-WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 MARKS)

- 3. Your school celebrated National Integration week very recently. Skits, fancy dress competition and a seminar on celebrating unity in diversity which brought out the rich culture and heritage of your country were conducted. You feel that such celebrations strengthen the unity of the country. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily on "Indian Identity- Unity in Diversity". Write the letter in about 100-120 words. (8 Marks)
- 4. After a hard day's work a woodcutter was resting by the side of a well. By chance his axe fell into the well. His only means of livelihood was gone. He was feeling desperate and crying when suddenly ... Complete the story in 200-250 words. (10 Marks)
- 5. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given options. (4 Marks)

Our shop had an exceptionally interesting stock, yet I doubt (a) _____ ten per cent of our customers knew a good book from a bad one. First edition snobs were much more common than lovers of literature, but poor oriental students haggling (b) _____ cheap textbooks were common. Vague-minded people looking (c) _____ birthday presents for their nephews (d) _____ the most common of all.

- (a) (i) whereas (ii) because (iii) whether (iv) or else
 (b) (i) above (ii) over (iii) at (iv) on
 (c) (i) to (ii) at (iii) in (iv) through
 (d) (i) are (ii) should be (iii) to (iv) were

6. There is one error in every line of the following passage. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. Ensure that the correct word is underlined.

(1/2x8=4 Marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Once, an ant which has come to drink at a	(a) _____	_____
stream fell in the water and was carried	(b) _____	_____
away by the swift current. It was in great danger for	(c) _____	_____
drowning. A dove who perch on a nearby tree saw	(d) _____	_____
the ant's danger and dropped a leaf into the water.		
The ant climbed on to these and was carried to	(e) _____	_____
safety. Sometimes after this a hunter creeping	(f) _____	_____
through the bushes, sees the dove asleep, and took	(g) _____	_____
a careful aim with his gun.	(h) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. (1x4=4 Marks)

Great experience/young/gardening/ and old/is a/for the/
 Gardening is a great experience for the young and old.

- (a) touching/it's/smelling and/all/caressing/about
 (b) with nature/a chance/it offers/to work
 (c) the power/gardening/has/the mind/ also/ to heal
 (d) gives/physical/which/it/necessary/exercise/is refreshing

SECTION - C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND EXTENDED READING TEXT (30 MARKS)

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

(1x4=4 Marks)

And I had never found it healthy to contradict Jenkins. Jenkins always seemed to have an uncanny knowledge as to when the landlord or the grocer was pestering me, and he dunned

me for a ghost. And somehow I'd always been able to dig one up for him, so I'd begun to get a bit cocky as to my ability.

Questions

- (a) Why couldn't John contradict Jenkins ?
- (b) What did John 'dig up' for Jenkins ?
- (c) What does the word 'cocky' mean ?
- (d) Why had Jenkins dunned the narrator for a ghoststory ?

Or

*Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read*

Questions

- (a) Which emotion has been expressed on the face of the king ? (b) Who helped to retain these emotions on the face of the king? (c) Which poetic device is used in the second line ?

- (d) What is the symbolical meaning of 'a shattered visage' ?

9. Answer the following in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8 Marks)

- (a) What news about Sebastian Shultz did Michael see in the newspaper ?

(b) Why does the nightingale call the frog a 'Mozart in disguise' ? (c) How did Brutus win the heart of the Roman mob ?

- (d) What changes did grandfather make in his will ? What effect did it have on his daughters ?

10. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for 'human society'. In light of the above statement, mention what values you learn from both the brothers (Two Gentlemen of Verona). (8 Marks)

Or

The poet emphasises the fact that "Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn the living record of your memory." With reference to the poem, Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments, write an article on 'Pen is mightier than the Sword.'

11. Give a character – sketch of Helen to bring out the grit and determination describing the ordeals she had to face in life. (200-250 words)

(10 Marks)

Or

Describe Helen Keller's sailing experience in about 200-250 words.

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Section A – Reading (20 Marks)

Q.1

(1x8=8 Marks)

Answers

- 1.1 (a) the four Goshri tigers, the mother and the three cubs, had come to the waterhole.
- (b) protection of tigers in and around Maharashtra's Tadoba - Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- (c) managing an interior design business.
- (d) all the animals in the Tiger Reserve were attracted to it.
- (e) set up the first Community Conservation Reserve.
- (f) the Dhanwateys.
- (g) walking the trails of the forest and generally learning all they could about the deciduous forest.
- (h) Tiger Reserve and Conservation Trust.

Q.2

(2x4=8 Marks)

Answers

- 2.1 (a) Lot of people take pride in being vegetarians because for them being vegetarian is 'ahimsa'.
- (b) It is so because eating too much food is to do cruelty to one's stomach. The stomach can't function properly.
- (c) Non-vegetarians pity vegetarians because the latter miss out on eating meat which is so rich in proteins and great in taste.
- (d) The golden rule while eating food is to just fill half of one's stomach at one time. (1x2=2 Marks)
- 2.2 (a) One is cruel to oneself when one eats too much food.
- (b) Ahimsa starts with being kind and compassionate towards oneself.
- 2.3 (a) (iii) care
- (b) (iv) pessimistic (1x2=2 Marks)

Section B – Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

Q.3 Marking:-

Content:- 6 Marks

Fluency:- 1 Mark

Accuracy:- 1 Mark

Q.4 Marking:-

Content:- 6 Marks

Fluency:- 1 Mark

Accuracy:- 1 Mark

Q.5 (1x4=4)

Answers

(a) (iii) whether (b) (ii) over (c) (iii) at (d) (iv) were

Q.6 (1/2x8=4 Marks)

Incorrect

Correct

(a) has

had

(b) in

into

(c) for

of

(d) perch

perched

(e) these

this

(f) creeping

crept

(g) sees

saw

(h) a

the

Q.7 Answers (1x4=4)

- (a) It's all about touching, smelling and caressing.
- (b) It offers a chance to work with nature.
- (c) Gardening has the power to heal the mind also.
- (d) It gives necessary physical exercise which is refreshing.

Section B – Literature and Extended Reading Textbook

Q.8 (1x4=4)

Answers

- (a) John couldn't contradict Jenkins because the latter had a strange knowledge about the former when he needed money.
- (b) John was always able to write a ghost story as Jenkins wanted him to do so.
- (c) It means 'over confident'.
- (d) because that is what the public wanted / he wanted to increase his sale

Or

- (a) It is that of anger, hatred, arrogance etc.
- (b) The sculptor helped to retain these emotions on the face of the king because he sculpted these.
- (c) It is 'metaphor'
- (d) The symbolical meaning of 'a shattered visage' is that nature has ravaged even the humans.

Q.9 Answers

(2x4=8)

- (a) Michael saw in the newspaper that Sebastian Shultz had met with an accident and was in hospital. He however, awoke the day before from coma. The doctors feared that it might last forever.
- (b) The nightingale calls the frog 'Mozart in disguise' out of innocence and modesty. She flatters the frog in comparing him with the great musician Mozart. Because of her unsuspecting nature she gives such respects to him.
- (c) Brutus won the heart of the Roman mob by slating that they had to kill Caesar because he had become very ambitious. He might put the lives of the Romans in danger due to his ambitions. Brutus touches the emotions of the mob.
- (d) Grandfather made the changes in his will. He won't give even a penny to either of his daughters.

The effect of this was instant on his daughters. They started blackmailing him emotionally through flattery. But he was not to budge from his stand.

Q.10 All relevant answers. (8 Marks)

Q.11 Relevant answers according to the text. (10 Marks)