

General Instructions:

- This set of questions has been divided into three sections - A, B, and C. Candidates are advised to attempt all the questions in their own words. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION 'A': READING (20 MARKS)**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Newspapers are our good friends. Life without Newspapers is a waste. Newspapers bring us news and views from all corners of the world. The newspapers report any incident or occurrence of importance that takes place.

The word "NEWS" is interpreted as North, East, West and South. It means that the newspaper provides us with information and news regarding various subjects from all directions. Newspapers also give us articles on all kinds of topics such as political, social, economic monetary, business, commerce, sports, education, health etc. Newspapers publish advertisements that attract the attention of the customers.

They also contain book reviews of literary, historical, and other books by scholars. Newspapers are of different types. Some newspapers are published daily. They are called "Dailies". We must cultivate the habit of reading newspapers to know what is happening around the globe. The one who reads newspapers and interprets editorial pages can only be master in current affairs and general knowledge. Reading newspapers helps you to find out what news is and how it is written. The one who dreams of being a journalist should not spare a day without reading the newspaper. They should be aware of the editorial and be well-versed in vocabulary. We will get to know news from all the countries if we read newspapers regularly. If we are reading the newspapers seriously, it will also help to shine in competitive examinations.

- (i) What kind of articles are published in newspapers? 01
 (a) Educational and health-related
 (b) Political, social, sports, and games related
 (c) Economic monetary, business, commerce related
 (d) All the above
- (ii) What are the benefits of reading an editorial page? 01
 (a) One can become a businessman. (b) One can become a poet.
 (c) One can get a mastery of current affairs. (d) One can pass the elite exam.
- (iii) Newspapers publish advertisements. They attract: 01
 (a) Attention of foreigners (b) Attention of tourists
 (c) Attention of customers (d) Attention of air hostess
- (iv) How do newspapers help the student? 01
 (a) He can get knowledge of current affairs.
 (b) He can shine in competitive examinations.
 (c) He can enhance his vocabulary.
 (d) All the above.
- (v) Who is a journalist? 01
 (a) Daily news reader (b) Press reporter
 (c) Book reviewer (d) Script editor
- (vi) Newspapers that are published every day are called 01
 (a) Weeklies (b) Monthlies (c) Dailies (d) Periodicals
- (vii) 'E' in NEWS stands for 01
 (a) Editorial (b) Editor (c) Education (d) East

- (viii) Which word in the passage may be used as the synonym to 'Glossary'? 01
 (a) Knowledge (b) Vocabulary (c) Monetary (d) Literary
- (ix) What is the importance of the newspapers in our life? 02

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Once there was a miser who sold all his possessions and with the money, bought a great lump of gold, dug a deep hole at the edge of the garden, and there he buried his gold. Once a day, thereafter, the miser went to the garden, dug up his gold, and embraced it lovingly. One of the miser's workmen wondered why his master spent so much time in the garden. One day, he hid behind a tree and soon discovered the secret of the hidden treasure. That night, when the miser was fast asleep, the workman crept into the garden and stole the lump of gold. When the miser found that his gold was gone, he tore his hair and cried aloud in his despair. A neighbour came running to see what the matter was, and the grief-stricken miser told him what had happened. Then the neighbour said, 'Pray to stop your weeping. Go and find a stone. Place the stone in the hole and imagine that it is your lump of gold. The stone will serve your purpose, for you never meant to use the gold anyway.' 'To a miser, what he has is of no more use than what he has not.'

- (i) How did the miser get the lump of gold? 01
 (a) By selling all he had (b) While digging the garden
 (c) From his ancestors (d) From his neighbours
- (ii) Why did the miser spend so much time in the garden? 01
 (a) He was a nature lover.
 (b) He liked watching children playing in the garden.
 (c) To keep an eye on his hidden treasure.
 (d) To change the place of his lump of gold.
- (iii) By whom was the gold stolen? 01
 (a) A thief (b) His neighbours
 (c) The miser's workman (d) The miser himself
- (iv) The neighbour advised the miser to put a stone in the hole because 01
 (a) Gold is like a stone only.
 (b) The miser would never use the gold, hence no difference between the two.
 (c) The stone will become gold after some time.
 (d) For a wise man, gold and stone have equal worth.
- (v) Choose the most appropriate title for this story. 01
 (a) Gold and Stone (b) The Miser and His Gold
 (c) The Miser and His neighbour (d) The Miser and His workman
- (vi) The workman crept into the garden when 01
 (a) the miser was fast asleep. (b) the miser was taking a bath.
 (c) the miser was digging a hole. (d) the miser was embracing the gold.
- (vii) Who came running to see him? 01
 (a) a miser (b) a thief (c) his neighbour (d) his workman
- (viii) Find a word in the passage that means **aim** or **intention**. 01
 (a) possession (b) gold (c) purpose (d) despair
- (ix) What did the miser do when he found that his gold was gone? 02

SECTION 'B': WRITING & GRAMMAR (25 MARKS)

- 3. You are Shyam Verma of class VII of Bal Bharti Public School, Dehradun. You have lost your school diary in the playground. Draft a Lost Notice for the school notice board, informing the students about it. 05**

OR

Write a Paragraph on

REPUBLIC DAY OR WINTER VACATION

4. Write a letter to your brother who has recently become very weak. Offer some advice on how he can improve his health and well-being. 05

OR

Write a Letter to the Municipal commissioner about a road that needs repair

5. Read the following sentences and select the correct form of the verb given in brackets. 1 x 3 = 3
- Rita ___ a mile every day. (run/runs)
 - The dogs ___ all night. (barks/bark)
 - The cat ___ the snake. (catch/caught)
6. Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks with 'am', 'is', or 'are'. 1 x 3 = 3
- The children ___ playing cricket.
 - Yusuf ___ going to the market.
 - The moon ___ shining brightly.
7. Fill in the blanks with the correct modals. 1 x 3 = 3
- I ___ arrange the flowers for the bouquet. (may/can)
 - ___ I borrow this pen from you? (may/might)
 - The teacher ___ ask you to bring the homework. (might/can)
8. Read the sentences and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the past tense. 1 x 2 = 2
- We ___ FIFA all night. (was watching/were watching)
 - I ___ out with my friends. (went/go)
9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. 1 x 2 = 2
- This shop doesn't have the toys I was looking ___. (up/for)
 - The teacher divided the sweets ___ all the children. (between/among)
10. Make adverb from the given words. 1 x 2 = 2
- Active
 - Cunning

SECTION 'C': LITERATURE (35 MARKS)

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
- Beauty is seen
In the sunlight,
The trees, the birds,
Corn growing and people working
Or dancing for their harvest.
- Where can beauty be seen? 01
 - What are the beautiful things? 01
 - Name the poem from which these lines have been fragmented. 01
 - Why are the people dancing? 02
12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
- Patrick could not believe how lucky he was! Here was the answer to all of his problems. So, he said, "Only if you do all my homework till the end of the semester, that's 35 days. If you do a good enough job, I could even get A's."
- How did Patrick feel himself? 01
 - How many days were required to complete his homework? 01
 - Who hoped to get A's? 01
 - What was the wish of Patrick? 02
13. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-50 words: 2x2=04
- In what subjects did the little man need help to do Patrick's homework?
 - Why did the dog feel the need for a master?
 - What is the difference between a house and a home?
 - Why did the villagers want to drown Taro?
 - Where was Kalpana Chawla born? Why is she called an Indian-American?

- 14. Answer any three of the following questions in about 60-80 words. 3x3=09**
- (a) Who do you think did Patrick's homework -- the little man, or Patrick himself? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (b) Who did the dog finally choose as his master and why?
 - (c) Why did the waterfall give Taro sake and others water?
 - (d) What abilities must an astronaut have, according to the journalist?
 - (e) What does Kalpana Chawla say about pursuing a dream? Do you agree with her that success is possible?
- 15. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-50 words. 2x2=04**
- (a) How did the Rishi explain the different ways in which the birds behaved?
 - (b) Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?
 - (c) Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?
 - (d) How do we know that Akbar was fond of Tansen?
- 16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 80-90 words. 2x4=08**
- (a) What did the second bird say to the stranger?
 - (b) Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket?
 - (c) What did the iron chest contain? Why did the shepherd always carry it?
 - (d) What happens if Raga Deepak is sung properly? Why did Tansen's enemies want him to sing the Raga?
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