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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains *THREE* sections-*READING, WRITING and LITERATURE*.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Q1. Read the passage:

(12)

1. Globalisation, since World War II, is largely the result of planning by statesmen to break down borders hampering trade to increase prosperity and interdependence, thereby decreasing the chance of future war. Their work led to the Bretton Woods Conference, an agreement by the world's leading statesmen to lay down the framework for international commerce and finance and the founding of several international institutions intended to oversee the process of globalisation. These institutions include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

2. Globalisation, the integration of the world economy, has been a persistent theme of the past thirty years. Growth of cross border economic activity has changed the structure of economics and the political and social organisation of countries. Not all effects of globalisation can be measured directly. But the scope and pace of change can be monitored along four key dimensions - trade in goods and services, financial flows, movement of people and communication.

3. In the last two decades of the 20th century, developing countries have adopted globalisation and liberalisation as the medium to strengthen their poor economic condition and to increase foreign investment. This worldwide change brought social and cultural calamity in The worst effect was on Indian culture, the being from traditional to modern, national to global, old to new.

4. Joseph Stiglitz, the Nobel Laureate for Economics in 2003, says in his book *Globalisation and Its Discontents*. "Western countries acting through the International Monetary Fund the World Trade Organisation have failed. They have mismanaged the process of privatisation, liberalisation and stabilisation. He further says, "Globalisation today is not working, it is not working for many of the world's poor. It is not working for much of the environment. It is not working for the stability of the global economy."

5. The most drastic Impact of globalisation has been the drifting away of modern youth from familial ties. They wish for independence, privacy and space. As a result, the traditional joint family system has given way to a nuclear family system.

6. Globalisation, which has become a worldwide phenomenon, has brought different cultures closer to each other. The foreign channels propagate violence, vulgarity and promiscuity in the name of entertainment for gaining wide viewership. The Indian media blindly and blatantly copies their eroticism better than them. As a result, the national channels defining Indian culture and broadcasting education-oriented programmes have been sidelined.

7. Another impact of globalisation is associated with the problem of unemployment as well. It has brought machines, new factories and new approaches into the Indian market. Everything is computerised. The most vulnerable section of society, that is women, are being exploited continuously. It is a sterile world, where parents consider the girl child a burden.

8. Over the past five decades, the world has seen several models and paradigms which have failed to provide concrete results. What we really need is a globalised economy, but one which is placed in a human context. The policies should be introduced in such a way that they boost the economy and do not affect the very essence of Indian culture. The developing countries need to improve healthcare, literacy rate, education and most importantly, protect the cultural heritage, because it is culture which identifies a country. If we want to reap the merits of globalisation, it should be implemented in this manner. The Western culture should not be viewed as an alternative to our own culture, but only as a supplement.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. The developing countries have adopted globalisation recently. This has happened because.....
 - a) it is a newly defined term
 - b) it is recommended by the US President

- c) they wanted to strengthen their poor economy
- d) they wanted to support their neighbours

ii. List one way in which globalisation has impacted family structure. (2)

iii. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'weaken' from words used in paragraph 3

- a) adopted
- b) increase
- c) calamity
- d) strengthen

iv. The writer would not agree with the given statements based on EXCEPT

- a) The Western culture should be regarded as an alternative to Indian culture.
- b) The girl child is not considered a burden anymore.
- c) The modern youth wish for interdependence
- d) Globalisation has brought different cultures together.

v. Which two institutions oversee the process globalisation? (2)

vi. Why has globalisation affected familial ties? (2)

vii. Complete the given sentence The concept of globalisation means

viii. Pick the option that correctly lists the final feelings of the writer with reference to the process of globalisation.

1. Happy 2.Satisfied 3. Disillusioned 4. Regretful 5. Enlightened 6. Frustrated

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

ix. Which one of the following is not a key dimension of globalization ?

- a) Social organisation of countries
- b) Communication
- c) Trade in goods and services
- d) Movement of people

x. The word from paragraph 7 is an antonym of 'resilient'.

Q2. Read the passage: (10)

1. Social media addiction is an emerging health problem in India, especially among the young population. Nowadays, irrespective of their socioeconomic background,

adolescents have greater exposure to electronic gadgets like smartphones at a much younger age. The introduction of internet and the launch of low-cost data packages in 2016/2017 has put India on the global map for large-scale consumption of mobile data with active social media users going up to 197 million (14% of the population).

2. For adolescents, phone-based communication is an important way to maintain their social relationships. The use of social media websites then is one of the most common activities that has become an integral part of their day-to-day lives. Hence, making them more prone to social media overuse or addiction which may have a deleterious effect on the physical, and psychological health. Hence, it became important to study the pattern of social media usage and associated physical and mental health issues among Pre-University (PU) college students as they are the vulnerable group.

3. A cross-sectional study was conducted in Government and Private PU colleges situated in Urban Bengaluru city, Karnataka, India, during July to December 2016. The objectives of the study were to assess and compare the prevalence of social media addiction in different organisations, to assess the health problems related to social media usage, and to assess the various factors associated with social media addiction.

4. A total of 1870 study participants were recruited from both Government and Private PU colleges. Each participant was administered a pretest and semi-structured questionnaire as the study tool. They were asked to answer about the non-academic usage of social media. Scale comprised 10 questions, each given a score ranging from 0 to 4 (0-never, 1-seldom, 2-occasionally, 3-often, and 4-always), with a minimum score of 0 and a maximum score of 40. Participants, were classified based on the scores as: Normal (<12), mild addiction (13-20), moderate addiction (21-32) and severe addiction (233). Distribution of Study Subjects According to Grading of Social Media Addiction*

*Figures in parenthesis indicate percentages

| Grading | Government | Private | Total |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Mild | 182(80.8) | 191(66.3) | 373(72.7) |
| Moderate | 39(17.3) | 93(32.2) | 132(25.7) |
| Severe | 4(1.10) | 4(1.5) | 8(1.6) |
| Total | 225(100) | 288(100) | 513(100) |

5. There was no difference in the prevalence of Social Media Addiction between Government and Private PU college study subjects contrary to the assumption that private college subject will be more prone to social media addiction due to higher social status and purchasing capacity .

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow.

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1 .
Adolescents belonging to poor families do not have greater exposure to smart phones at much younger age.
Select from the following:**
- (a) True- If the statement agrees with the information .**
 - (b) False - If the statement contradicts the information .**
 - (c) Not Given If there is no information on this**
- ii. Give one reason for the rise in active social media users in India.**
- iii. The study tool used in the survey comprised of**
- a) yes no questions**
 - b) some physical and IQ based tests**
 - c) a scale based questionnaire**
 - d) Both (b) and (c)**
- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement.
It was assumed that private college students will be more prone to social media addiction . This was because of their**
- v. Which of the following was NOT an objective for the study?**
- a) To assess the health problems associated with social media usage**
 - b) To assess and compare the prevalence of social media in a particular organisation**
 - c) To assess the various factors related to social media usage**
 - d) To assess and compare the prevalence of social media in different organizations**
- vi. Complete the following sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.
The participants of the survey were asked to answer about the
Usage of social media .**
- a) academic**
 - b) non-academic**
 - c) cansal**
 - d) sober**
- vii. What, according to you, makes the adolescents susceptible to social media overuse ?**

- viii. Complete the sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. The students were classified into categories based on their
- a) three, scores
 - b) four, scores
 - c) live, addiction
 - d) four, usage
- ix. Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words. According to the survey, the effect of social media addiction is said to be
- x. Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement. Higher social status and purchasing capacity is directly linked to social Media Addiction .

Section – B Creative Writing Skills

Q3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (4)

A. Your school is organising a fete to collect funds for charity. Only school students are eligible to put up stalls. As the Head Boy/Head Girl of Meera International School, draft a notice, in about 50 words, for the school notice board announcing the sale of stalls. Invent all necessary details.

OR

B. You are Ram/Rajani, Secretary of the Social Science Club and Sun Public School, Nagpur Your club is organising a health awareness camp for the students. There will be a special focus on obesity among children. Draft a notice for your school notice board giving all the relevant information about the camp, in not more than 50 words.

Q4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (4)

A. You are Sachin Bansal, the Head Boy of Springdales Public School, Gurugram. On the occasion of Van Mahotsav function in your school, draft an invitation to invite a renowned environmentalist for a tree plantation drive in your school. (50 words)

OR

B. You are Neena/ Naveen of 21, Shakti Vihar, Delhi. You have opened a departmental store in Chandni Chowk. Draft an informal invitation to invite your friend on the inauguration ceremony. (50 words)

Q5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A. You are Minu Sen, an intern in a software company in Hyderabad. You feel that the growing relationship of companies with non-profit organisations have made Corporate

Social Responsibility (CSR) the buzzword today. Your own involvement in one such project for your company has convinced you that CSR looks beyond the company profits and focuses on benefitting the greater community.

Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily in about 120-150 words, sharing your opinion about CSR and its advantages and provide suggestions to make it an integral part of every organisation. Use the given clues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

Brand value

Advantages

Poverty alleviation

-Increased sales

Positive public- attention

Four types of CSR efforts :-Environmental initiatives, -Charity work , -Ethical labor practices -Volunteer projects

OR

B. Wanted a lady receptionist cum-telephone operator. Smart female graduate with an attractive personality of not more than 25 years with good command over English and Hindi may only apply. Experienced will be preferred. Write to the MD, Ajeet Nursing Home, Kota with a detailed resume and a passport size photograph latest by next Tuesday. You are Nandini/Mohini Mehra. Write for this post after seeing its advertisement in The Express Times'.

Q6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(5)

A. The word 'father' is synonymous with strict discipline etc. but it is not completely true. The father fulfills his responsibilities affectionately for the family. Write an article on the topic. 'Role of father in the family'. You can use the following clues. Role of father- traditional image- teacher- counselor- promoting equality- influence decisions- prepare for reality- providers and protectors-fulfill necessities-strict-enforce discipline-pillar of strength

OR

B. History Society of St. Jose, Krishna Nagar sent a group of students to visit a place of historical interest. You were its leader. Write a report for the school newsletter on the tour You can use the following clues and any other relevant details- Name, locate, dates- describe the place- its history- how you reached there and all that you have learnt .

LITERATURE

Q7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given :

Those who prepare green wars
wars with gas wars with fire
victory with no survivors
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing

Choose the most appropriate option

(i) The term "victory with no survivors" mean

- 1. The bloodshed caused by the result of wars**
- 2. Nobody would be able to celebrate the victory of wars**
- 3. Degradation of human life**

- a) 1 and 2**
- b) 1 and 3**
- c) 2 and 3**
- d) Only 2**

(ii) Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following The poet does not promote inactivity or death but wants fraternity .

(iii)What do green wars refer to

- a) Environmental degradation**
- b) Natural calamities destroying the natural beauty**
- c) Wars against nature**
- d) Wars between nations causing damage to the natural landscape**

(iv) Complete the following analogy correctly Do NOT repeat from used example.

Wars : Repetition :: : Alliteration

(v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below

(1) Pablo Neruda focuses on all kinds of violence

(2) He mentions that fisherman fish for whales resulting in violence against the environment

(a) (1) is true but (2) is false

(b) (2) is true but (1) is false.

(c) (2) is the reason for (1)

(d) Both (1) and (2) are true for the extract

(vi) Fill the blank with an appropriate word, with reference to the extract The world presented in the given lines can be said to be

(OR)

" The hurt to the scenery wouldn't be my complaint
So much as the trusting sorrow of what is unsaid
Here far from the city we make our roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us.

1) In the extract, 'hurt to the scenery' implies

(a) the mismatching paint of the roadside stand

(b) harm caused to the natural scenery

(c) the painting of the mountains

(d) Both (a) and (b)

(ii) Who made the roadside stand and where?

(a) City people, near their homes

(b) Villagers, at their courtyards

(c) Poor people, far from the city

(d) Local people, on the mountains

(iii) What was the promise made by the government?

1. To give a lavishing home to local people of the village

2. To provide basic drinking and water facility

3. To provide subsidy to the poor

4. To give a comfortable life to the poor people

Codes

(a) 1 and 4

(b) 2 and 3

(c) Only 4

(d) Only 2

(iv) Answer in ONE word.

The poet seems to be for the rural people.

(v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

(1) The moving pictures promises refer to the scenes of upliftment and financial betterment.

(2) The promises are never fulfilled.

(a) (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.

(b) (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.

(c) Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.

(d) (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.

(vi) Which of the following is an apt title for the extract ?

(a) Manipulation

(b) The Broken Promise

(c) Sympathy

(d) The Agony of the Rural

Q8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given : 2

A. From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratib and apuram. The state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the Maharaja. A proclamation was issued to the effect that if anyone dared to fling so much as a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated. The Maharaja vowed he would attend to all other matters only after killing the hundred tigers. Initially the king seemed well set to realise his ambition. Not that he faced no dangers. There were times when the bullet missed its mark, the tiger leapt upon him and he fought the beast with his bare hands. Each time it was the Maharaja who won.

(i) The tone of the author when he says, 'It was celebration time for all tigers' is

(a) solemn. (b) sarcastic. (c) sympathetic. (d) mocking.

(ii) On the basis of this passage, pick the option that enumerates the characteristics of the king

1. Gullible 2. arrogant 3. Willful 4. Aggressive 5. Apathetic 6. Scrupulous

(a) 1, 2 and 6

(b) 3, 4 and 6

(c) 3,5 and 6

(d) 2, 3 and 5

(iii) Why did the Maharaja want to kill tigers specifically?

(iv) What does the proclamation show us about the authority possessed by the Maharaja ?

(OR)

B. When I heard this, I didn't want to laugh any more, I felt terribly sad. How could they believe that it was disgusting if one of us held that package in his hands, even though the vadai had been wrapped first in a banana leaf, and then parcelled in paper? I felt so provoked and angry that I wanted to touch those wretched vadais myself straightaway. Why we fetch and carry for these people, I wondered. Such an important elder of ours goes meekly to the shops to fetch snacks and hands them reverently, bowing and shrinking, to this fellow who just sits there and stuffs them into his mouth. The thought of it infuriated me.

(i) The elder handing snacks reverently, bowing and shrinking to the fellow indicates that the fellow' was

1. Condescending 2. Unassuming 3. Submissive 4. Disdainful 5. Aggressive 6. Domineering

(a) 2, 3 and 6

(b) 1, 4 and 5

(c) 1,4 and 6

(d) 2, 3 and 4

(ii) Based on the given context, choose the option that illustrates when a person can be provoked, out of the examples given below.

1. The employees organised a peaceful protest outside the firm.

2. The manager ill-treated one of the employees and wrongfully terminated .

3. The employees wrote a letter of complaint against the manager.

4. The director of the firm scheduled a meeting for reconciliation .

(a) Option 1

(b) Option 2

(c) Option 3

(d) Option 4

(iii) Why did the narrator get sad?

(iv) you think that the narrator can surpass the biasness of caste?

Q9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given :

A. Maybe I give the impression of doing many things. But in the end, I am convinced I am always doing the same thing... And then I have a secret. Did you know what will happen if you eliminate the empty spaces from the universe, eliminate the empty spaces in all the atoms? The universe will become as big as my fist. Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in an elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space 4ork in empty spaces .

Read the questions given below. Imagine they were interjections raised by the interviewer.

(i) Based on the above extract. Choose the option that correctly describes the given questions

1. you are "always doing the same thing". isn't your work lacking in originality?

2. you elaborate these larger ethical, philosophical interests that inform your work?

3. All writing happens in empty spaces. In fact, why don't I tell you all about my experiences?

(a) (1) is not relevant; (2) is appropriate; and (3) is unnecessary

(b) (1) is appropriate; (2) is repetitive; and (3) is useful information

(c) (1) is inappropriate; (2) is relevant; and (3) is not relevant

(d) (1) is unnecessary; (2) is intrusive: and (3) is Extrapolatory

(ii) Based on your reading of Part I of 'The Interview', which one of the following may NOT be an appropriate title to the above extract?

(a) The Empty Spaces of Umberto Eco

(b) Big Exposé: Eco's Secret Revealed!

(c) "I am always doing the same thing": Eco's Echo

(d) Umberto Eco ,Mr. Prolific!

(iii) I work in empty spaces". Choose the option that most accurately captures Eco's idea of empty spaces.

1. management of time

2. Organizational space

3. Philosophical Inclination

4. command of thought

(a) Options (1) and (2)

(b) Options (3) and (4)

(c) Option (2) and (3)

(d) Options (2) and (4)

(iv) Umberto Eco states that empty spaces' actually fill spaces, and without them the universe would be the size of the human fist. He also goes on to say that it is in an such as waiting, which the dictionary defines as a time for pause, that he works. That is, passive waiting is essentially active writing time. Choose the literary device that best describes what Eco does with the concepts of empty spaces" and waiting .

(a) Juxtaposition

(b) irony

(c) oxymoron

(d) symbolism

(v) What does the given lines tell us about the speaker?

(vi) How would you explain an interstices?

(OR)

B.

"Why aren't you wearing chappals?" I ask one.

"My mother did not bring them down from the shelf," he answers simply.

"Even if she did he will throw them off," adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match.

When I comment on it, he shuffles his feet and says nothing. "I want shoes", says a third boy who has never owned a pair all his life. Travelling across the country I have seen children walking barefoot, in cities, on village roads. It is not lack of money but a tradition to stay barefoot, is one explanation. I wonder if this is only an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty.

(i) What is an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty?

(a) Walking barefoot

(b) To term 'walking barefoot' a tradition

(c) To rease the 'worn out shoes'

(d) Not to bring chappals out of shelf

(ii) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statements 1 The boys had been subjected to humiliation when the narrator questions them.

Statements 2 The boys did not care for the condition of the shoes but only for shoes.

(a) Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.

(b) Both statement 1 and statement 2 cannot be inferred from the passage.

(c) Both statement 1 and statement 2 can be inferred from the passage

(iii) The given lives do not indicate

(a) the loss of innocence

(b) the state of poverty

(c) the non-fulfillment of promises

(d) the desire of basic necessities

(iv) In which of the following options is the word 'perpetual' not used correctly?

(a) No society can make a perpetual constitution or even law.

(b) They lived in perpetual fear of being discovered and arrested.

(c) The country is in a perpetual state of anarchy.

(d) War, in its fairest form, implies a perpetual violation of humanity and justice .

(v) What is the excuse given for perpetual state of poverty among the children of rag picking community ?

(vi) Find out the word from the above paragraph which means the opposite of 'Array' .

Q10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40 – 50 words :

a) “ Sophie felt a tightening in her throat . She went to look for her brother Geoff”. In the light of this quote , discuss the relationship Sophie shared with Geoff. (Going Places).

b) In what way does the story , ‘The Last Lesson’ being told as a first person narrative of Franz impact your understanding of the story ?

c) Write about the poet’s fear as a child. Why does it surface when she is going to the airport ? (My Mother At Sixty – six)

d) How does a thing of beauty provide shelter and comfort (A Thing of Beauty)

e) Comment on the significance of the symbol of car in the poem ‘A Roadside Stand’.

f) Why don’t the people of Firozabad organize themselves into a cooperative ?(Lost Spring).

Q11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in about 40 -50 words :

a) When was the Tiger King in danger of losing throne ?(Tiger King)

b) What was the advice that Aman gave to Bama? Did she follow it ?(Memories of Childhood)

- c) How did Antarctica amaze the writer when she first saw it ?(Journey to the End of the Earth).

Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 120 – 150 words :

- A. Deep Water and Indigo , bring out the importance of overcoming fear, in order to be able to lead our lives successfully .Imagine yourself to be a motivational speaker who has to address high school students .Write this address in 120-150 words elaborating on occurrence from the two texts to inspire your audience and to convince them about the importance of overcoming fear .

You may begin like this

Good morning students !

We all know what it's like to be afraid . Fear is our body's natural response to a perceived threat or danger .

But when.....

(OR)

- B. 'Bah ! I've got plenty of time . I'll learn it tomorrow'.Franz was shocked when he heard that it was the last lesson and he hardly knew French , his mother tongue .Many of us find ourselves in similar situations and regret when all is over. Write with reference to the lesson 'The Last Lesson'from your text , the lesson learn from this situation .

Q13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 120 – 150 words :

- A. How would you explain the reluctance of the soldier to leave the shelter of the doctor's home even when he couldn't stay there without risk to the doctor and himself?(The Enemy)

(OR)

- B. How did Charley reached the third level of Grand Central ?How was it different from the other two levels ? (Third Level)

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