

Q.1. (A) Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (11)

(1) What according to Mr. Singh, was the reason for the stampede?

Ans: Mr. Singh felt that suffocation in the area due to smoke emanating from the Yagya fireplace led to the stampede. (01)

(2) How did the organisers react to the incident?

Ans: The organisers announced that the five day ceremony would be curtailed and would end on Wednesday. They also announced a compensation of Rs. 2 lakh for the kin of the deceased. (02)

(3) Who were the organisers and what were they celebrating ?

Ans: The Akhil Vishwa Gayatri Pariwar, were the organisers and they were celebrating the birth centenary of Acharya Pandit Shriram Sharma. (02)

(4) What kind of precautions, should the organisers have taken to prevent such an incident':

Ans. The organisers should have had guides, along the way to direct the people, They should have also had loud speakers, instructing people to walk in line without pushing, and could have announced the reason for the smoke, telling people not to panic. This could have prevented the stampede. (02)

(5) Do as directed : (03)

(i) I too fell down and became unconscious. (Rewrite as Simple Sentence) (01)

Ans. Falling down, I became unconscious.

(ii) An equal amount was announced as compensation by the organisers. (Change the voice).

Ans. The organisers announced an equal amount as compensation. (01)

(iii) "The number of seriously injured would not be more than five or six", said as doctor. (Rewrite as reported speech)

Ans. A doctor said that the number of 'seriously injured would not have been more than five or six. (01)

(6) Find a word in the passage which means an attempt to discover information by asking questions. (01)

Ans: Probe

(B) Do as directed : **(04)**

(i) The difficulty of the situation and the non-stop harassment of the authorities did not frighten the girl. (Rewrite the sentence using 'neither-nor')

Ans: Neither the difficulty of the situation nor the non-stop harassment of the authorities frightened the girl. **(01)**

(ii) If you do not persevere, you will not succeed. (Rewrite using 'unless')

Ans: Unless you persevere, you will not succeed. **(01)**

(iii) My classroom is situated..... the staffroom and girls common room. (Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)

Ans: My classroom is situated between the staffroom and girls common room. **(01)**

(iv) He is able to speak in many languages. (Rewrite using a modal auxiliary showing ability.)

Ans: He can speak in many languages. **(01)**

Q.2. (A) Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow: **(11)**

(i) What conclusions did the researchers arrive at?

Ans: The researchers concluded that even if the population increased tremendously, the earth was capable of comfortably sustaining a population several times the current 6.5 billion. **(01)**

(2) How does the writer explain the fact that fertility is on the decline?

Ans: The writer points out that 20 years ago, the UN predicted that the population would reach 11.16 billion in 2050, however, today the figure has dropped drastically, to just 9.37 billion. **(02)**

(3) Why is it that people in many countries are still starving?

Ans: Although global food production has kept up with population growth, people are still starving because they cannot afford it. **(02)**

(4) Do you think that the US is overpopulated? Why?

Ans: Statistics show that a bigger population does not mean a greater consumption. It further proves that the countries with high-incomes may have a small population, but the consumption rate is y high. This is true of the US. They consume 40% of the world's resources, but the population is far less than over populated countries like China and India. **(02)**

(5) Do as directed: **(03)**

(i) Though population has grown, the rate of growth has fallen sharply: **(01)**
(Underline the subordinate clause and rewrite the sentence.)

Ans: Though population has grown, the rate of growth has fallen sharply.

(ii) Would you say the US is overpopulated? (Rewrite as an assertive sentence). **(01)**

Ans: You would not say that the US is overpopulated.

(iii) Moreover, human population will stabilize at about 11.5 billion.

(Underline the verb and identify the tense.)

Ans: Will stabilize - Simple future tense

(6) Find a word in the passage that describes a place which is small and makes you closed and you makes feel uncomfortable. (01)

Ans: Claustrophobic.

(B) Read the following passage and make notes highlighting the main points and supporting details: (04)

Ans. Cosmetic Surgery of Aesthetic Surgery. The latest mantra in India.

(1) Cosmetic surgery entails specialization in.

- (a) Rhinoplasty (b) abdominoplasty
(c) Otoplasty (d) Chin, cheek and liposuction

(2) Educational Requirements:

- (a) MBBS
(b) Masters in Surgery degree which involves
(1) House job - duration -1 year
(2) Junior residency - duration - 1 year
(3) Senior residency - duration - 1 year
(c) Option: Diploma National Board
(d) M. Ch. degree to specialize in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

(3) Basic requirement: elevated sense of beauty and aesthetics.

Q.3. (A) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (11)

(1) Why are cinema halls being shut down in Mumbai?

Ans: Cinema halls are being closed down as the owners find it more remunerative to build shopping centres or residential blocks on the same site. Secondly the high taxation imposed by the state government, eats into the profits.

(2) What are the different problems faced by the Hindi film producers ?

Ans: Hindi film producers are concerned about earning back their investment, as a result they are reluctant to experiment with new ideas to produce run-of-the mail escapist films. They also suffer from a lack of talent and have to follow the star-system. (02)

(3) What do the given statistics reveal?

Ans: The statistics show us that in relation to the high population, India has a very small number of permanent cinema halls and even smaller number of temporary ones. The statistics also reveal that Andhra Pradesh has the highest number of theatre halls, while Maharashtra has the least. (02)

(4) According to the Writer, "In terms of social responsibility, the film industry in India has failed miserably" - what is your opinion. Why?

Ans. I agree with the writer as the films today focus more on glamour and idle entertainment which encourage escapist trends among the people. The films seem to be full of vulgarity, obscenity and violence, sending a negative message to the viewers. (02)

(5) Do as directed: (03)

(i) There are many people who have seen a film only once or twice in their lifetime.
(Rewrite as a Simple Sentence) (01)

Ans: Many people have seen a film only once or twice in their lifetime.

(ii) The film industry in India may be compared to a giant who is prisoner to himself.
(Identify the modal auxiliary and state its function) (01)

Ans: May: shows possibility

(iii) It produced 910 films in 1992. (Change the voice) (01)

Ans: In 1992, 910 films were produced.

(6) Find a word in the passage which is the opposite of often.

Ans: once or twice

(B) Rewrite the summary of the above passage in about 100 words.

Many people in villages are deprived of cinemas as they have not received the benefits of electricity. India is a large country with a large population but the number of permanent cinema halls in the various states is still very few. High taxation has driven cinema hall owners to use the site for more lucrative purposes.

The Hindi film Industry faces many barriers and various constraints, which prevent them from producing good quality films. In spite of having a large audience, the Industry fails in its social responsibility as the movies are generally vulgar, obscene and violent. Besides this, it was discovered that there is nexus between film producers the underworld and anti national elements, which led to a boycott by some political parties.

SECTION – B: POETRY

Q.4. (A) Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (04)

If you do not get lowered in your eyes
While you raise yourself in those of others
If you do not give in to gossips and lies
Rather heed them not, saying, 'Who bothers?'
You may be the person I am looking for.
If you crave not for praise when you win
And look not for sympathy while you lose
If cheers let not your head toss or spin
And after a set-back you offer no excuse
You may be the person I am looking for.

(1) What does the poet expect a person to do when faced with gossipers?

Ans: The poet expects the person to pay no heed to gossipers and liars, he is also looking for a person who does not indulge in gossip. (01)

(2) The poet is looking for an ideal person, enumerate two or three adjectives, deduced from the above lines. (01)

Ans: The poet is looking for a person who respects himself, is humble and truthful.

(3) Which line does the poet repeat, throughout this poem? What effect does it have on the poem?

Ans: You may be the person I am looking for' is repeated. It focuses on the good qualities required by a person, conveying the central idea of the poem, that people should develop good traits. (01)

(4) Would you call the poet a social reformer? Why?

Ans: To an extent yes, the poet is trying to reform society, he has enumerated all the qualities that a person should possess, also in a subtle conveying the fact that if one does not have these qualities, then he should try to reform himself. (01)

Q.4. (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (04)

All the rest of her children, she said,
Are on the nuclear
Blacklist of the dead,
All the rest, unless,
The whole world understands-
That peace is a woman.
A thousand candles then lit
In her starry eyes, and I saw angels
Bearing a moonlit message;
Peace is indeed a pregnant woman
Peace is a mother.

(1) How does the poet describe the mother?

Ans: The poet describes the mother as 'Peace' the quality that conveys the values that the mother has. (01)

(2) Do you think that those connected with nuclear energy are bad? Why?

Ans: All connected with nuclear energy need not be bad, a lot depends on the purpose for nuclear energy, and that is what makes them bad. (01)

(3) Give an example of Hyperbole in the above lines?

Ans: A thousand candles then lit – Hyperbole (01)

(4) 'Peace is indeed a pregnant woman'. What is the poet trying to convey to the readers?

Ans: A pregnant woman patiently awaits the birth of her child, in a similar fashion people wait patiently for Peace to be restored to a country.

SECTION – C RAPID READING AND COMPOSITION

Q.5. (A) Read the following passage and rewrite it from the point of view of Charles. (04)

Frederick had a very famous wrestler, called Charles, in his court. He was champion of the country, and had fought many brave and strong young men. Now, Orlando was a fine wrestler, too, and decided to try his strength against Charles. Charles came to see Oliver about this, asking him to persuade Orlando to give up his idea.

'I am a professional wrestler, sir,' Charles explained to Oliver, 'and I must always fight to win, in order to keep my reputation. Anyone who fights me runs the risk of being badly hurt. Please warn your young brother, and persuade him to change his mind.'

But the wicked Oliver thought this was a good opportunity to get rid of Orlando, so he told Charles all kinds of lies about the young man. He pretended that Orlando was bad and ungrateful, and deserved any punishment which Charles could give him. 'I would rather you broke his neck than his finger,' Oliver said, 'and you have my permission to do what you like with the boy.'

So Charles promised to do his best to kill Orlando. 'If he comes to the fight tomorrow, I'll give him his payment,' Charles said. 'If he can walk away after I have finished with him, I'll never wrestle again.'

Next day the wrestling match was arranged to take place in front of the Duke's palace. Celia and Rosalind happened to be there when the Duke and his lords arrived, so they decided to stay and watch fight. Frederick spoke, to Orlando, and tried to persuade him not to fight the wrestler, but Orlando was determined. At last Frederick turned to Rosalind and Celia and said: 'Speak to him, ladies, see if you can persuade him.'

Charles had just fought three other young men and had nearly killed them. It seemed certain that Orlando would be treated in the same way. 'You have seen cruel proof of this man's strength,' said Celia. 'We pray you for your own sake to give up this fight. Do not run such a risk!'

I am a champion Wrestler, I have fought many brave and strong men, I know that Orlando is a great wrestler too and I hear that he has decided to pit his strength against mine. I must go and see Oliver and ask him to try persuade Orlando to give up this foolish idea. "Sir Oliver, you know that I am a professional wrestler and I fight to win, in order to keep my reputation." I am afraid if I fight against your brother Orlando, he will get badly hurt, do tell him to change his mind."

I was very surprised with Oliver's response he told me that Orlando was bad and ungrateful and deserved any punishment I could give him. He actually gave me permission to break the boys neck and do whatever I wanted I was amazed, but I promised to do all I could to kill Orlando, going as far as vowing to give up wrestling if Orlando lives.

Next day, I turned up in front of the Duke's palace, I saw Celia and Rosalind and was thrilled that they were going to watch the match. I could see Frederick talking to Orlando, I think he was trying to persuade him to call off the fight. He even asked the girls to speak to Orlando, I heard all that they said. They told Orlando that I had fought three other young men and killed them. They were afraid that my strength would be too much for Orlando. In fact they begged him to give up the fight but I was all ready to fight Orlando.

Ans:

Q.5. (B) Read the given extract and rewrite it as a narrative or a continuous write up. (04)

Ans. George met up with his friends Ginger and Tom, he told them that he and his friend Bert Williams were running a club, and as they were easily scared, they could not become members. Ginger thought it was a gang, but George corrected her saying it was the 'The Do and Dare Club' and all the members must never show fear. This club was not for kids, rather for daring young fellows keen on (adventure. Ginger and Tom began to beg George to admit them to the club. But George was adamant, as they were both afraid at that moment, afraid of the dark and the strange house that they were in. Ginger tried to tell him that even he would be scared in a dark house. Finally George told them that they could all go and investigate the source of the noise they had heard and if they showed no signs of fear he all would admit .them to the club. They agreed George tried to scare them saying that they could find a gang of criminals Ginger tried to be brave, she asked George for the torch and marched on, suddenly, she screamed with fear!

SECTION – D: WRITING SKILL

Q.6. (A) Write a letter to the Editor of a popular newspaper drawing attention to the increasing incidents of chain snatching. You can offer suggestions to help prevent these incidents. (04)

Ans:

Pushpa Kunj,
Gamdevi,
Mumbai 400003.
15th Feb, 2013.

The Editor.
Times of India.
Mumbai.

Subject : Chain-snatching incidents

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to the attention of your readers that the areas around Grant Road and Charni Road are not quite safe as there have been many incidents of chain snatching.

In the last month, there have been at least 20 reported cases of chain snatching. This happens in the early hours of the morning or late at night. The thief approaches the victim on the pretext of asking for directions and while she is busy pointing out, another guy approaches on a bike, snatches the chain and both get away on the bike.

I would like to appeal to your readers to please do not stop to give directions. Secondly, do not wear gold chains and finally do not go out alone.

This may help deter the thieves. I hope you will publish this in your newspaper. Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
XYZ

Q.6. (B) Your local club has organized a drive against smoking, spitting and chewing tobacco in your area.

Prepare an appeal to create greater awareness.

(04)

Ans:

Live life to the Fullest
Live Healthy Lives. Eat healthy food.
Enjoy what life has to offer Smoking, is injurious to health. Chewing tobacco, worse.
Both cause Cancer.
Cancer destroys your life.
Friends, boys, girls, young men and women pay attention to this
Life is not yours to run. It is given by God.
Treat it with care and love if you love yourself,
You will want to live a healthy life So, Nourish your bodies
Avoid the harmful effects of cigarettes.
You can then live fruitful lives!

Q.6. (C) Read the table / data given below and write a paragraph on the trends that you observe:

American Spending on Leisure Activities /, 1997, US \$ billion

Video, Audio and computers	80
Books and newspapers	51
Casino gambling	24
Lotteries	18
Recorded music	15
Theme parks	9
Video games	8.5
Spectator sports	6
Cinema tickets	5.5
Racecourse betting	2.5

Ans. The survey conducted in 1997 shows how much the Americans spend on leisure activities. They spend a lot of time and money on entertainment 80 US billion dollars are spent on videos, audio and computers, this is the maximum. On books and newspapers they spend 51 US \$ billion. After this the amounts are relatively small. 24 US \$ billion is spent on Casino gambling and 18 US \$ billion on lotteries. People spend around 15 US \$ billion on Recorded music and 9 US \$ billion on theme parks.

Video games, though popular attracts a fewer number and the amount spent is 8.5 US \$ billion Spectator sports and cinema tickets amount to 6 and 5.5 US \$ billion respectively and finally a very small amount 2.5 US \$ billion is spent on racecourse betting.

Q.7. (A) Imagine that you are a journalist. You have been assigned the task of a Interviewing a famous film star.

Frame 8 questions that you would ask him or her.

(04)

Ans: (1) Sir, it is a pleasure to be granted this interview, what is it that motivated you to become a film star?

(2) Was it easy to achieve the popularity that you now experience?

(3) Did you receive support from your family/loved ones?

(4) Seeing that you are still single, how is it that you have remained so?

(5) How do you balance your work life and personal life?

(6) What is it that influenced your decision, a movie, or a particular star?

(7) What are your hobbies?

(8) How do you cope with the adulation of the public?

Q.7. (B) You are the Secretary of a Youth Organization and it is your duty to welcome the Chief guest at the annual youth festival. Draft your speech in about 100 words, welcoming the Mayor, who is your Chief guest. (03)

Ans. Respected Mayor, Mr. Datta, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome, as Chief guest at our annual youth festival, our very youthful and dynamic Mayor, Mr. R. Joshi, Thank you, Sir, for accepting our invitation. We know you have a very busy schedule and yet you have gracefully agreed to spend your time with us. Our youth are very energetic and have put together an interesting program which is the introduction to their week long celebration. Do enjoy the evening, and once again a very warm welcome.

We are indeed happy and privileged to have you with us this evening.