



Practice Paper 1

ENGLISH (CORE) XII (Rationalised Syllabus)

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART A (40 Marks)

READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

(10 Marks)

- (1) The Indian media and entertainment industry is growing at a rapid pace. It is expected that the top 10 global list will soon enlist the Indian media and entertainment industry. The television segment accounted for the largest share in this market. However, OTT services, which are included in the digital segment are all set for disruption and set to overtake the segment of print and films by the year 2025.
- (2) Though the OTT solutions are at a nascent stage, the services have been widely accepted in India. Online video providers see India as a great opportunity. The traditional OTT providers in India continue maintaining their presence in the market, while major broadcasters have also entered the market by making investments and launching their own OTT solutions. The price of satellite and cable is very low in India and this is a major hindrance for the OTT services, as this limits the revenues from subscriptions. Television has deep penetration in rural India and there is still a long way to go for OTT solutions before television gets completely replaced by digital content distribution.
- (3) OTT content is easy to download directly and can be viewed by the users on demand using the internet. The viewers can use any connected device like personal computers, tablets, smartphones, Smart TVs or gaming consoles.
- (4) Some of the major players in this segment are: Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, Zee5, Voot, JioSaavn, Disney+Hotstar, ALTBalaji, Eros Now, MX Player and SonyLIV.
- (5) With these OTT solutions, Indian viewers no longer need to wait for blockbuster movies to release on the big screen. Earlier, even to watch a new episode from your favourite TV shows you had to wait for weeks, but not anymore. The OTT providers in India have completely transformed the way the Indian audience consumes digital content. The shrinking time gap between the release of a movie in theatres and its availability on OTT platforms is giving the OTT providers an edge.

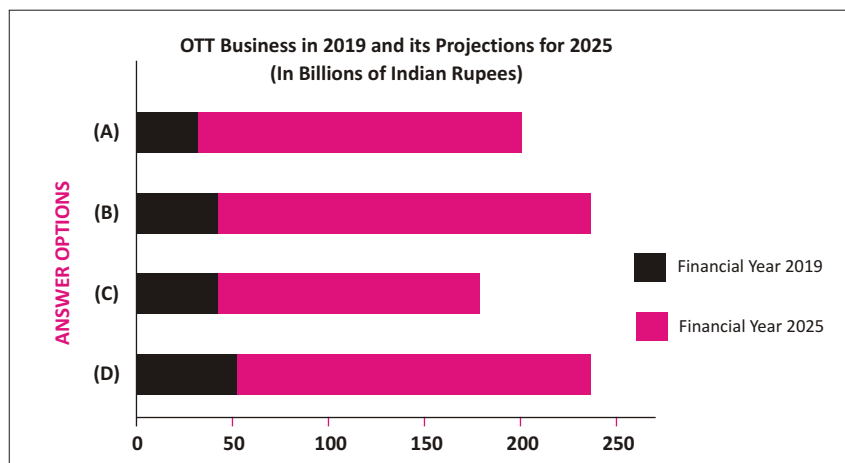
- (6) Today's viewers have access to mobile data at low tariffs, internet at high bandwidth, and smartphones with the best technology. The urge and wish to consume content while on-the-go is growing rapidly and this has created a huge opportunity for the OTT providers in India. As per the reports, in the year 2019, in only 9 months, 30 million users from rural India accessed the internet for the first time. The video OTT market in India was valued at INR 42.5 Billion in FY 2019 and it is estimated to reach INR 237 Billion by FY 2025, growing at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 33%.
- (7) The untapped market is beyond what can be captured by a handful of players and that's the reason behind a high density of companies and start-ups in the OTT solutions space. As per Redseer*, the consumption of online content in India grew by 35% in April relative to the consumption in January 2020.

*RedSeer is a popular internet focused advisory firm in emerging markets.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below by choosing the best option. (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

- (i) **The main objective of the author in the first paragraph is**
- to show that Indian media and entertainment industry is growing at a slow pace
 - to predict that OTT services are likely to overtake print and film media segments in five years from now
 - to explain why television segment accounts for the largest share in the Indian media and entertainment market
 - to suggest how India will stand first in the top 10 global list in the media and entertainment industry
- (ii) **The expression 'all set for disruption' (paragraph 1) means which of the following?**
- poised for takeover
 - likely to be disturbed
 - most likely to lose business
 - ready for big changes
- (iii) **Choose the option that best explains the meaning of the word 'nascent' as used in paragraph 2 of the passage.**
- latest stage
 - attaining maturity
 - just coming into existence
 - an advanced stage
- (iv) **Which of the following is NOT TRUE in the context of the second paragraph?**
- OTT services have gained widespread popularity in India.
 - The traditional OTT providers are still relevant in the Indian market.
 - OTT market has seen the entry of major broadcasters.
 - Low satellite and cable prices in India yield more revenue for the OTT platforms.
- (v) **In paragraph 2, the author is of the opinion that**
- television no longer enjoys the reach it once had

- (b) television will never be replaced by the digital content distribution
- (c) OTT solutions will have to toil hard for quite some time to fully replace television
- (d) television will continue to dominate rural areas, and OTT services will dominate urban areas
- (vi) **Which of the following is NOT LISTED among the advantages of the OTT content as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the passage?**
- (a) Easy to download directly
- (b) Can be viewed on demand through internet
- (c) Can be viewed on a wide variety of devices
- (d) Offers a very wide range or variety of programmes
- (vii) **Which of the following can be the BEST title of paragraph 5?**
- (a) Blockbuster Releases
- (b) No More Big Screens!
- (c) The OTT Advantage
- (d) Digital Content and Indian Audience
- (viii) **Which of the following is NOT INCLUDED in the factors responsible for the rapid growth of OTT content as discussed in paragraph 6?**
- (a) Cheap mobile data plans
- (b) Rising income of consumers
- (c) High speed internet
- (d) Latest smartphones
- (ix) **Which of the following options correctly displays the value of video OTT market in India in billions of Indian Rupees in FY 2019 and FY 2025?**



- (a) Option A
- (b) Option B
- (c) Option C
- (d) Option D
- (x) **A high density of companies and start-ups are entering the OTT market because**
- (a) there are no players in the market
- (b) the market remains largely unexploited so far
- (c) the market is not likely to see much growth in the near future
- (d) the market has too many players in it already

(xi) Pick the option that correctly lists the author's attitude to the OTT business.

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| 1. Positive | 5. Flawed |
| 2. Negative | 6. Prejudicial |
| 3. Neutral | 7. Enthusiastic |
| 4. Critical | 8. Indifferent |

(a) 3 and 8

(c) 1 and 7

(b) 2 and 6

(d) 4 and 5

2. Read the passage given below.

(10 Marks)

MAN-MADE MASS NOW OUTWEIGHS LIFE ON EARTH

(1) For the first time in history man-made materials now likely outweigh all life on Earth, scientists said Wednesday in research detailing the "crossover point" at which humanity's footprint is heavier than that of the natural world.

(2) The weight of roads, buildings and other constructed or manufactured materials is doubling roughly every 20 years, and authors of the research said it currently weighed 1.1 teratonnes (1.1 trillion tonnes). As mankind has ramped up its insatiable consumption of natural resources, the weight of living biomass – trees, plants and animals – has halved since the agricultural revolution to stand at just 1 teratonne currently, the study found.

(3) Estimating changes in global biomass and manmade mass since 1990, the research showed that the mass of human-produced objects stood at just three percent of the weight of biomass at the start of the 20th century. But since the post-World War II global production boom, manufacturing has surged to the extent that humans now produce the equivalent of the weight of every person on Earth every week on average. The year 2020 likely marked the moment when manmade mass tipped higher than biomass, according to the study published in Nature.

(4) "This study provides a sort of 'big picture' snapshot of the planet in 2020," said co-author Ron Milo of the Plant and Environmental Sciences Department at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. "We hope that once we have these somewhat shocking figures before our eyes, we can as a species take responsibility."

(5) Drawing on a host of industrial and ecological data, the study estimated human production accounts for roughly 30 gigatonnes annually. At the current growth rate, manmade material is likely to weigh as much as three teratonnes by 2040.

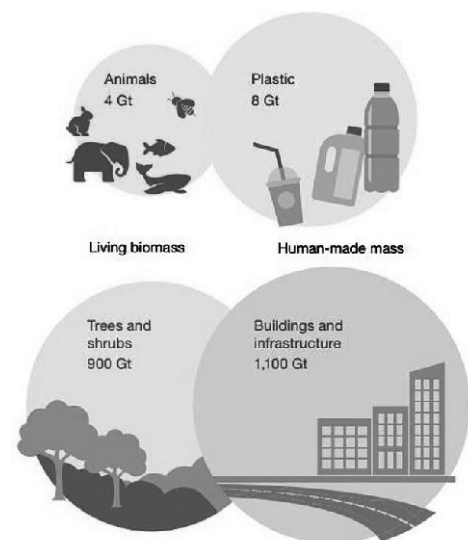


Figure 1 : Natural Biomass vs Manmade Mass

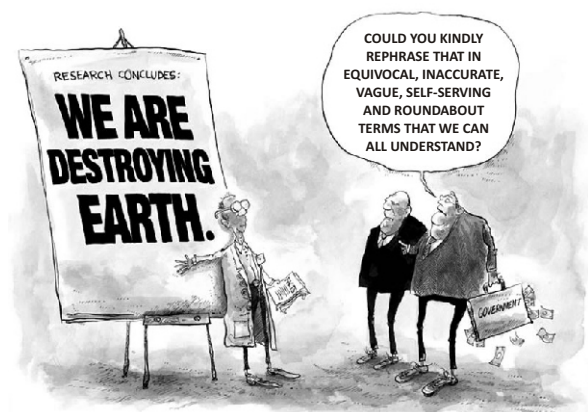


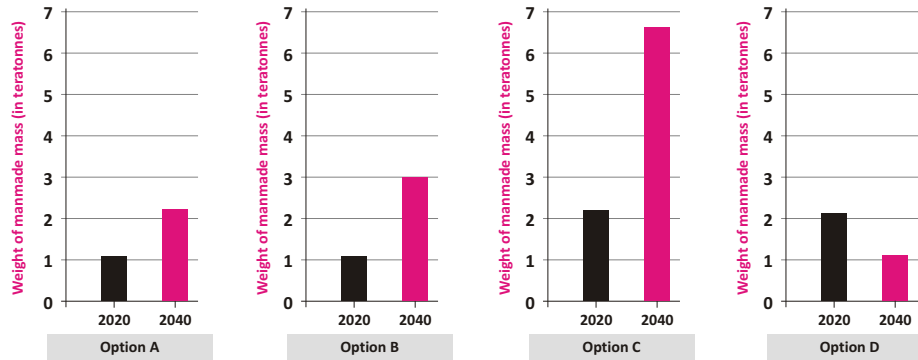
Figure 2 : Global Concern vs Government Attitude

- (6) At the same time, overall biomass is decreasing, mainly because of deforestation and land use changes making way for intensive agriculture.
- (7) Buildings and roads account for most of the manmade mass, and a number of construction trends – including shifting from bricks to concrete in construction in the mid-1950s – contributed to the accelerated weight accumulation.
- (8) Lead author Emily Elhacham told AFP that the study provided an indication of humanity's outsized impact on the natural world. "We can no longer deny our central role in the natural world," she said. "We are already a major player and with that comes a shared responsibility."

(Patrick Galey, AFP Online News) © NachiketDeuskar Man-made mass now outweighs life on Earth: Study
<https://www.msn.com/en-in/money/topstories/man-made-mass-now-outweighs-life-on-earth-study/ar-BB1bNEcX?ocid=msedgntp>

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below by choosing the best option.

- (i) **Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of 'living biomass'?**
- (a) Living biomass has already been outweighed by manmade mass.
- (b) The weight of living biomass has halved since the agricultural revolution.
- (c) Living biomass is increasing in size at an alarming rate.
- (d) The weight of living biomass stands at 1 trillion tonnes currently.
- (ii) **Which of the following illustrates the meaning of the word 'crossover' as used in paragraph 1 of the passage?**
- (a) Not many television actors have been able to cross over to movies as seamlessly as Shah Rukh Khan did.
- (b) This crossover looks stunningly beautiful but lacks all-wheel drive.
- (c) He's known for his lightning quick crossover, which has left some defenders tumbling on the floor.
- (d) For her the crossover moment from a manager to a company director came in less than a year.
- (iii) **Choose the option that is TRUE with respect to the production by human beings.**
- (a) It is directly proportional to the weight of every person on Earth.
- (b) It becomes twice as much as the weight of every person on Earth every week on average.
- (c) It is equivalent to the weight of every person on Earth every week on average.
- (d) It is half the weight of every person on Earth every week on average.
- (iv) **The study has marked the year 2020 as the moment when manmade mass**
- (a) became equal to the living biomass
- (b) became less than the living biomass
- (c) tipped higher than the living biomass
- (d) became double the living biomass
- (v) **Pick the option that roughly indicates the increase in the weight of manmade mass like roads, buildings and other constructed materials in the next 20 years at the current growth rate.**



- (a) Option A
(b) Option B
(c) Option C
(d) Option D

(vi) The word 'insatiable' as used in paragraph 2 means the same as

- (a) that which cannot be increased or decreased
(b) that which cannot be foreseen
(c) that which cannot be satisfied
(d) that which cannot be described

(vii) According to the study, the overall biomass is decreasing mainly because of

1. deforestation
 2. natural calamities
 3. weapons of mass destruction
 4. massive scale of agriculture
- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 4
(c) 2 and 4
(d) 2 and 3

(viii) By the expression 'shared responsibility,' Emily Elhacham means to suggest that

- (a) Only researchers, environmentalists and other scientists must join hand to restore the balance.
(b) Agriculture, industry and consumer culture should be held responsible for the imbalance.
(c) Both the natural world and man world must act responsibly.
(d) Peoples of the world must come together to restore the balance.

(ix) According to the graphic in Figure 1, the size of the plastic mass is the mass of animals on Earth.

- (a) equal to
(b) half
(c) double
(d) triple

(x) According to the graphic in Figure 1, trees and shrubs weigh as compared to the manmade buildings and other infrastructure.

- (a) nearly 62%
(b) nearly 72%
(c) nearly 82%
(d) nearly 92%

(xi) The cartoon in Figure 2 makes fun of

- (a) the lack of simplicity and clarity in the research language

- (b) most governments' callous attitude to threats to the environment
- (c) most governments' irresponsible use of the tax payers' money
- (d) the researchers' helplessness in making a difference to the world

LITERATURE (20 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4 + 4 = 8 Marks)

(A) She will then become a bride. Like the old woman beside her who became one many years ago. She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes. “*Ek waqt ser bhar khana bhi nahin khaya,*” she says, in a voice drained of joy. She has not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime – that's what she has reaped!

- (i) 'She' in the first sentence of the extract is
 - (a) Savita, a young girl
 - (b) Mukhesh's sister-in-law
 - (c) Mukhesh's grandmother
 - (d) Mukhesh's sister
- (ii) The meaning of the expression "but no light in her eyes" is **BEST** explained by which of the following?
 - (a) She was completely blind.
 - (b) She was short-sighted.
 - (c) She did not have any hope.
 - (d) She worked in the dark.
- (iii) The chief problem the characters here seem to face is
 - (a) lack of alternative employment
 - (b) poverty and exploitation
 - (c) occupational hazards and poor housing
 - (d) class differences and social disparity
- (iv) The extract above is most likely to evoke which of the feelings in the reader?
 - (a) pity and fear
 - (b) regret and anger
 - (c) kindness and generosity
 - (d) empathy and concern

(B) “The rattrap is a Christmas present from a rat who would have been caught in this world's rattrap if he had not been raised to captain, because in that way he got power to clear himself.

“Written with friendship and high regard,
“Captain von Stahle.”

- (i) *The message is meant for the*
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| (a) host of 'Captain von Stahle' | (c) master smith at the Ramsjö Ironworks |
| (b) host's daughter | (d) peasant whose thirty kronors were stolen |
- (ii) *The expression 'a rat' as used in the extract means which of the following?*
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| (a) a smart and careful person | (c) a dishonest and mean person |
| (b) a timid and narrow-minded person | (d) a hungry and impatient person |
- (iii) *The word 'rattrap' has been used twice in the extract. How does its meaning differ in each case? Pick the option that correctly explains both the meanings.*
- The first rattrap is a little rattrap that the vagabond has gifted to the ironmaster's daughter.
 - The first rattrap is the offer of hospitality the vagabond has been given on the occasion of Christmas.
 - The second rattrap consists of the temptations this world puts individuals to.
 - The second rattrap is the temptation caused by 30 kronors kept in a pouch by the crofter.
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| (a) 1 and 3 | (c) 2 and 3 |
| (b) 1 and 4 | (d) 2 and 4 |
- (iv) *Which of the following can be concluded from the above extract?*
- Women have the power of reforming erring men.
 - People are victims of their own temptations.
 - An act of kindness can go a long way in reforming someone.
 - Tempting others is an act of sinfulness.
- (C) "That ain't money, mister," he said, "and if you're trying to skin me, you won't get very far," and he glanced at the cash drawer beside him. Of course the money was old-style bills, half again as big as the money we use nowadays, and different-looking. I turned away and got out fast. There's nothing nice about jail, even in 1894?
- (i) *The person referred to here as 'mister' is*
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| (a) the psychiatrist | (c) Charley |
| (b) the ticket clerk | (d) a policeman |
- (ii) *What do you think the expression "trying to skin me" metaphorically means in the above extract?*
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| (a) trying to remove my skin | (c) trying to cheat me |
| (b) trying to assault me | (d) trying to pay in fake currency |

(iii) *The expression "you won't get very far" as used in the extract above suggests which of the following meanings?*

- (a) You cannot touch my cash drawer.
- (b) You will not succeed in your objective of cheating or robbing me.
- (c) This much fare cannot take you far on board a train.
- (d) The cops are on their way and you are soon going to be arrested.

(iv) *Charley turned away and got out fast most probably because*

- (a) he had discovered the reality about the third level of the New York Central
- (b) he decided to come back with the correct currency notes
- (c) he did not want to be branded as a mentally ill person
- (d) he did not want to be arrested for attempted robbery and for using outdated currency

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1 × 4 = 4 Marks)

(A) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(i) *Where are Aunt Jennifer's tigers to be seen prancing?*

- (a) In the jungle
- (b) In Aunt's mind
- (c) On top of a tree
- (d) On a screen or tapestry

(ii) *The expression "a world of green" refers to*

- (a) Jungle full of green trees
- (b) Feeling of jealousy
- (c) World full of challenges
- (d) World of chivalry

(iii) *Aunt Jennifer is different from her tigers in the sense that*

- (a) she has woven them in her tapestry
- (b) she is more ferocious than them
- (c) she is not free and fearless unlike them
- (d) she lacks their sleek looks

(iv) *Aunt Jennifer's tigers lack which of the following qualities?*

- (a) fierceness and fearlessness
- (b) fear and cowardice
- (c) beauty and elegance
- (d) power and aggression

Or

(B) Driving from my parent's home

to Cochin last Friday morning,

I saw my mother, beside me,

doze, open mouthed,

her face ashen like that of a corpse
and realised with pain
that she was as old as she looked
but soon put that thought away...

- (i) *On the car ride with the poet, her mother*
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| (a) fell asleep | (c) was in pain |
| (b) died in sleep | (d) lost in thoughts |
- (ii) *The expression "ashen like that of a corpse" is an example of*
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| (a) metaphor | (c) transferred epithet |
| (b) simile | (d) parallelism |
- (iii) *Which of the following is the most probable thought that the poet put away?*
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| (a) Her mother does not love her. | (c) Her mother may die soon. |
| (b) Her mother is no longer beautiful. | (d) Her mother is not too old. |
- (iv) *The poet put that thought away because*
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| (a) she was occupied with something more urgent |
| (b) she was getting late for her flight |
| (c) she did want to hurt her mother's feelings |
| (d) she did not want to think of losing her mother |

5. Attempt **ANY EIGHT** questions from the ten given below.

(1 x 8 = 8 Marks)

- (i) *M. Hamel's writing 'Vive La France!' on the board shows*
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| (a) his beautiful handwriting |
| (b) his love for his country |
| (c) his declaration of opposition to the Prussians |
| (d) his advice to the villagers |
- (ii) *One of the boys in 'Lost Spring' claimed that he was not wearing chappals (slippers) because*
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| (a) he was too poor to own a pair |
| (b) his mother had not brought the pair to him |
| (c) he had thrown away the pair because it was beyond repair |
| (d) he believed that his culture was against wearing any footwear |
- (iii) *Which of the following is NOT TRUE in the context of the lesson 'Deep Water'?*
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| (a) How the narrator learnt swimming |
| (b) How he overcame his fear of water |
| (c) How he took revenge on the boy who had ducked him into water |
| (d) How his instructor proved instrumental in helping him overcome his fear |

- (iv) *When Captain von Stahle's reality came to light in front of the ironmaster, the latter*
- (a) appreciated the young man's dashing looks
 - (b) looked at the young man with puckered brow
 - (c) reported the matter to the Sheriff immediately
 - (d) summoned his daughter immediately
- (v) *Rajendra Prasad's servants did not allow Gandhiji to because they considered him to be*
- (a) enter the house; a stranger
 - (b) pester their master; a poor sharecropper
 - (c) draw water from the well; an untouchable
 - (d) meet their master; a rival lawyer
- (vi) *In the lesson 'Going Places', Sophie is unlike Jansie in that*
- (a) Sophie is brutally practical while Jansie lives in her world of dreams
 - (b) Sophie is a dreamer while Jansie has a realistic outlook on life
 - (c) Sophie works in a boutique while Jansie works in a biscuit factory
 - (d) Sophie wanted to buy a boutique while Jansie wanted to buy a house
- (vii) *In the poem 'Keeping Quiet', Pablo Neruda wants the people*
- (a) to live like strangers in the world
 - (b) not to keep quiet
 - (c) not to speak in any language for some time
 - (d) to be single minded about keep their lives moving
- (viii) *Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to John Keats's poem 'A Thing of Beauty'?*
- (a) A beautiful thing is a source of perennial joy.
 - (b) The beauty of a beautiful thing is forever increasing.
 - (c) Beauty never comes to nothingness.
 - (d) Beauty lacks the power to remove gloom from human lives.
- (ix) *The children's faces in the poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum' are compared to 'rootless weeds'. This means that they are*
- (a) insecure
 - (b) ill-fed
 - (c) wasteful
 - (d) unwanted
- (x) *When Sadao told the General how he had saved an American soldier's life, the General promised the doctor that he would*
- (a) pardon him for saving an enemy
 - (b) set the American soldier free
 - (c) forget about the whole incident
 - (d) get the soldier killed privately

PART B (40 Marks)**WRITING (16 Marks)**

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1 × 3 = 3 Marks)

(A) Glory Public School, Meerut needs a Secretary for the Principal. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for publication in the classified advertisement section of a national daily. Invent necessary details.

Or

(B) As the Secretary of the Old Boys Association of St. Mary's Academy, Bangalore, write a notice in about 50 words, to be published in a national daily, about the Annual Meeting of the association. Give all the necessary details.

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1 × 3 = 3 Marks)

(A) You have received an invitation from the Young Scientists Forum of M.L. School, Chennai to act as one of the Judges for an inter-school debate. But you have a previous engagement and cannot accept this invitation. Write to the Secretary of the forum regretting your inability. You are Amit Khosla/Shikha Khosla. (Word Limit : 50 Words)

Or

(B) To cater to elite fashion conscious customers, M/s Fashion Fair plans to open a new showroom called Fashion Fiesta on the Mall, Agra sometime next month. Draft a formal invitation in about 50 words to the opening ceremony of the showroom giving all the necessary details like date, time, venue and chief guest.

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

(A) You saw the following advertisement in a newspaper. You think you are eligible to apply for the post mentioned. Write a letter in about 100-120 words in response to the advertisement, submitting your candidature with a detailed bio-data.

Applications are invited by Sundaram Business Services a division of Sundaram Finance Limited for the post of HEAD-HR, a middle management position, reporting to the Head of the Division, in Chennai. Applicant should be around 35 years of age with postgraduate qualification in HR from a reputed institution, should have minimum five years experience in HR-function. Should be conversant with the best HR practices in the industry and should have implemented robust performance monitoring / appraisal system and productivity linked incentive schemes. Apply with full particulars and the emoluments expected, within a week to chief HR Manager, Sundaram Business Services, No.-05, Shanti Colony, Arya Nagar, Chennai-04

Or

(B) The Municipal Corporation of your city has launched an anti-encroachment drive. Unfortunately, while several hundred *jhuggies* of slum-dwellers have been demolished, the influential people have managed to save their bungalows, mansions, markets, plazas and factories with money, political clout and court stay orders. You are pained at the dismal state of affairs. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in about 100-120 words voicing your views on the situation. While you

condemn all encroachments, criticize the discriminatory drive to remove encroachments. You are Sandeep Aneja / Ritu Aneja.

9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following. (1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

(A) More and more education is now happening online. Does that mean conventional schools and books will soon be things of the past? Write an article in about 120 – 150 words, for your school magazine describing your views on the topic.

In your article you should say

- how online education is becoming more and more popular
- what some of its benefits and drawbacks are
- why you think conventional schools and books will no longer be necessary in future / will continue to play an important role in education in future, too

Or

(B) A severe storm shook your city/town yesterday. Write a report in about 120 – 150 words for a newspaper reporting the occurrence.

In your report you should say

- ◆ when the storm occurred
- ◆ what kind of loss/damage has been caused by it
- ◆ how serious it was
- ◆ what kind of rescue work is going on

LITERATURE (24 Marks)

10. Attempt **ANY FIVE** out of the six questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2 × 5 = 10 marks)

- (i) How were parents to blame for the problems of France and its language, according to M. Hamel?
- (ii) Who does Anees Jung find to be more positively oriented – Salem or Mukesh? Why?
- (iii) What did Douglas feel when he temporarily went under water in the Lake Wentworth after he had become an accomplished swimmer?
- (iv) Why does the pedlar come to think that the entire world is a big rattrap?
- (v) How according to you is Shakespeare wicked to the students of the slum school in Stephen Spender's poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum'?
- (vi) According to Pablo Neruda, what can the Earth teach human beings?

11. Attempt **ANY TWO** out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2 × 2 = 4 Marks)

- (i) What, according to Charley's psychiatrist Sam, was the explanation for the former's notion that the New York Central had a third level?
- (ii) How did Sadao's father view future?
- (iii) What was the usual plot of Jack's Roger stories for his daughter?

12. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

(A) The chapter 'Indigo' portrays Gandhi as a compassionate champion of the poor and a hard and fearless negotiator. Discuss. **Or**

(B) Franz thinks, "*Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?*".

How does the expression evoke feelings of indiscriminate domination by man?

13. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

(A) What signs of loneliness and disappointment does Mr. Lamb show in the play 'On the Face of It'? How does he try to overcome these feelings? **Or**

(B) What could the Governor have done to securely bring back Evans to prison when he caught him at the Golden Lion? What light does the incident of Evans's escape throw on the Governor's character?

ANSWERS

PART A

1. (i) (b) to predict that OTT services are likely to overtake print and film media segments in five years from now
- (ii) (d) ready for big changes
- (iii) (c) just coming into existence
- (iv) (d) Low satellite and cable prices in India yield more revenue for the OTT platforms.
- (v) (c) OTT solutions will have to toil hard for quite some time to fully replace television
- (vi) (d) Offers a very wide range or variety of programmes
- (vii) (c) The OTT Advantage
- (viii) (b) Rising income of consumers
- (ix) (b) Option B
- (x) (b) the market remains largely unexploited so far
- (xi) (c) 1 and 7
2. (i) (c) Living biomass is increasing in size at an alarming rate.
- (ii) (d) For her the crossover moment from a manager to a company director came in less than a year.
- (iii) (c) It is equivalent to the weight of every person on Earth every week on average.
- (iv) (c) tipped higher than the living biomass
- (v) (b) Option B
- (vi) (c) that which cannot be satisfied
- (vii) (b) 1 and 4
- (viii) (d) Peoples of the world must come together to restore the balance.
- (ix) (c) double

- (x) (c) nearly 82%
- (xi) (b) most governments' callous attitude to threats to the environment
3. (A) (i) (a) Savita, a young girl
(ii) (c) She did not have any hope.
(iii) (b) poverty and exploitation
(iv) (d) empathy and concern
- (B) (i) (b) host's daughter
(ii) (c) a dishonest and mean person
(iii) (a) 1 and 3
(iv) (c) An act of kindness can go a long way in reforming someone.
- (C) (i) (c) Charley
(ii) (c) trying to cheat me
(iii) (b) You will not succeed in your objective of cheating or robbing me.
(iv) (d) he did not want to be arrested for attempted robbery and for using outdated currency
4. (A) (i) (d) On a screen or tapestry
(ii) (a) Jungle full of green trees
(iii) (c) she is not free and fearless unlike them
(iv) (b) fear and cowardice

Or

- (B) (i) (a) fell asleep
(ii) (b) simile
(iii) (c) Her mother may die soon.
(iv) (d) she did not want to think of losing her mother
5. (i) (b) his love for his country
(ii) (a) he was too poor to own a pair
(iii) (c) How he took revenge on the boy who had ducked him into water
(iv) (b) looked at the young man with puckered brow
(v) (c) draw water from the well; an untouchable
(vi) (b) Sophie is a dreamer while Jansie has a realistic outlook on life
(vii) (c) not to speak in any language for some time
(viii) (d) Beauty lacks the power to remove gloom from human lives.
(ix) (b) ill-fed
(x) (d) get the soldier killed privately