



Practice Paper 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE – X
(Based on 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) Everyday we're confronted with a barrage of choices. We make choices about the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the appointments we schedule, the people we meet, the time we turn up to work, which bus we catch, where we sit on the bus, what we do after work, and so on. Living a rich and satisfying life means making good choices on an ongoing basis.
- (2) What is a good choice? Good choices are decisions that keep you heading in the direction in which you want to go. Bad choices, on the other hand, end up being counterproductive and can quickly begin spiralling into stress, confusion, and despair.
- (3) Some of the trickiness of choice-making arises with options that may be pleasing in the short-term but may incrementally steer us off course over the longer term. Just taking that one extra serving of dessert or staying in bed for only half an hour more can be choices like this. Conversely, some decisions can be a bit dreary or difficult at the time but lead to better directions down the track. Staying home and studying or completing another gruelling session at the gym are examples of short-term discomfort for longer-term benefits.
- (4) Perhaps the most fundamental consideration with choice-making is to ensure the choices you make are congruent with important goals you have. If you have a quiet, distant goal of being financially independent one day and building a successful career, then making decisions to party excessively with late nights will likely lead to later discontent and misery regardless of how good it all feels now. Perhaps the partying is related to an important goal of being accepted and liked by others but is at odds with career and financial goals.
- (5) Understanding the dynamics of choices can help improve the decisions that you make. Essentially, any choice involves at least two options, both of which have pros and cons associated with them. Taking a moment to reflect on your inclinations and wishes that made you hesitate or go ahead with the choice can help you understand the situation more clearly. From this perspective, you'll be able to make a more informed decision.

- (6) Whenever you find yourself pausing over a choice you're about to make, consider both options in some detail and find the important aspects of them. Pay attention to more highly valued goals that you might become aware of as you're considering your options. If you can find the higher-level goals that are in the background of your deliberations, the path to take will be evident.

(Abridged and adapted) Source: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/in-control/201508/making-good-choices>

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY TEN** questions from the twelve that follow. (1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

- (i) Which of the following options does not convey the correct meaning of the word 'barrage' as used in the first paragraph?
- (a) flurry (c) volley
 (b) abundance (d) dam
- (ii) From the quotes given below, choose the option that best conveys the central idea of the first paragraph.
1. "The hardest decisions in life are not between good and bad or right and wrong, but between two goods or two rights." – Joe Andrew
 2. "May your choices reflect your hopes not your fears." – Nelson Mandela
 3. "If you don't have the information you need to make wise choices, find someone who does." – Lori Hil
 4. "You always have two choices with your life and experience: you can either learn from it or you can place blame. The choice is always yours." – Kevin Horsley
- (a) Option 1 (c) Option 3
 (b) Option 2 (d) Option 4
- (iii) Which of the following can be easily concluded from the second paragraph?
- (a) Bad choices are a result of stress, confusion and despair.
 (b) Bad choices hinder the attainment of desired goals.
 (c) Bad choices are always more than good choices.
 (d) Bad choices are decisions we take in a hurry.
- (iv) In paragraph 3, the author gives the examples of an 'extra serving of dessert' and 'staying in bed for only half an hour more' in order to bring home the point that
- (a) choices that give us pleasure are the only choices that matter in life
 (b) it is normal to make some good choices and some bad choices in life
 (c) choices seemingly good in the short term may have long terms adverse effects
 (d) some choices are harmless; others may have serious consequences
- (v) Which of the following statements is **TRUE** in the context of paragraph 4?
- (a) Party hard, work hard and success will be yours without fail.
 (b) A successful career can only be achieved by strictly staying away from partying.
 (c) Many people party so that they can be seen doing what others are doing.
 (d) Your choices and decisions must always be in sync with the goals that you set for yourself in life.

- (vi) *Select the option that makes the correct use of the phrase 'pros and cons' as used in paragraph 5?*
- (a) problems and solutions (c) advantages and disadvantages
(b) beginnings and endings (d) causes and effects
- (vii) *'From this perspective, you'll be able to make a more informed decision' (Paragraph 5, last line). Which 'perspective' does the author refer to?*
- (a) Giving in to your inclinations and wishes
(b) Hesitating in making choices and decisions
(c) Going ahead with the choices you make
(d) Reflecting on your inclinations and wishes
- (viii) *An 'informed decision' according to paragraph 6 will be one*
- (a) which is taken by informing others
(b) which is taken before announcing it
(c) which is taken on the basis of facts and information
(d) which is communicated to the decision maker
- (ix) *Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?*
- (a) Shaping a Career (c) Living a Rich Life
(b) Making Good Choices (d) Seeking Long Term Benefits
- (x) *Which of the paragraphs listed below deals with the difficulties in making good choices?*
- (a) Paragraph 1 (c) Paragraph 3
(b) Paragraph 2 (d) Paragraph 4
- (xi) *The main purpose of the author in this passage is to people.*
- (a) appreciate (c) criticise
(b) evaluate (d) advise
- (xii) *In the last line of paragraph 6, the 'path' the author is referring to is the one that*
- (a) tells us which choice to make
(b) shows us several options to be considered
(c) needs our attention and evaluation
(d) trains us how to make choices

2. Read the passage given below.

(10 Marks)

COVID-19, ONLINE SHOPPING AND INDIAN CONSUMERS – A YOUNGOV SURVEY

- (1) YouGov, a British International Internet-based market research and data analytics firm, recently collected online responses from 1011 respondents in India between 23rd and 27th May 2020. The data is representative of the adult online population in the country and reveals some interesting trends.

- (2) The survey reveals that compared to the time before the lockdowns, close to half (44%) of urban Indians said they are more likely to shop online once the lockdown is over. In addition to this, 21% said they are less likely than before to shop in physical retail stores.
- (3) Among the different regions, East and West Indians (51% and 50%, respectively) are more likely to say they will shop online in the future as compared to residents in North and South India (41% and 40%, respectively). Likewise, inclination to move online for shopping appears to be stronger among Tier-1 city residents (51%) than Tier-2 and 3 residents (41% each).
- (4) Even though a large proportion of respondents have indicated migrating online, the data suggests this shift is significant in certain categories and does not extend to all. Gadgets (68%), Beauty & personal care (58%), Apparels & accessories (56%) and Home & kitchen appliances (51%) are the top categories where a majority of respondents have indicated their likeliness to buy online, once the Covid crisis is resolved.
- (5) However, for most of the other categories, such as Automobiles (83%), Salons & Spa services (78%); Alcohol (74%), Hardware (71%) and Gardening & fertilisers (64%) consumers are likely to prefer shopping offline in physical stores. Notably, shopping for some of the key categories – Grocery and Food & Dining, which picked up a lot of momentum online amidst the lockdown, is also likely to return to the offline medium once things return to normality.
- (6) At present, one in three urban Indians have bought or are planning to buy beauty and personal care products online since e-commerce delivery resumed in their area amidst the Covid lockdown. Demand for these products is the highest in Tier-1 cities at 37%.
- (7) Apparels and accessories emerged as the second most commonly ordered non-essential products in the lockdown (at 28%), followed by gadgets, kitchen appliances and health supplements (25% each).
- (8) Home appliances (18%), home linens (17%), fitness & sports equipment (15%), toys & baby care (14%) and home décor products (14%) are other popular lockdown purchases made online. One in five urban Indians, however, claimed to have not ordered any non-essential items although online delivery had resumed in their area.
- (9) Even though people are currently buying online, the majority (73%) are either very or fairly scared about their safety while shopping.
- (10) In fact, when it comes to shopping online, the biggest concern for them is the hygiene and safety practices of the e-commerce platforms (58%). Following that, delivery period (37%), the fit and look of the product (30%), the security of shopping online (28%), cancellation policies (27%) and payment issues (23%) are some of the other concerning factors. Concern for safety is the highest among those in their thirties (at 67%), while worry about the fit or look appears to be the strongest among respondents aged above 40 (at 35%).

Source: <https://in.yougov.com/en-hi/news/2020/06/01/almost-half-urban-indian-consumers-see-online-shop/>

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt **ANY TEN** questions from the twelve that follow. (1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

- (i) Which of the following statements are NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?
1. The survey covered a little over 1000 respondents.
 2. The survey was carried out online.
 3. The survey covered both major and minor respondents.
 4. The survey covered the entire 'online population' of India.
- (a) Options 1 and 3 (c) Options 3 and 4
 (b) Options 2 and 3 (d) Options 2 and 4
- (ii) The percentage of people who are LESS LIKELY THAN BEFORE to shop offline after the lockdown is
- (a) 56% (c) 44%
 (b) 50% (d) 21%
- (iii) According to paragraph 3, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?
- (a) Some percentage of people of all the four regions is likely to shop online.
 - (b) The least number of respondents who expressed interest in online shopping is from South India.
 - (c) Fewer people in Tier-1 cities are interested to shift to online shopping as compared to those in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
 - (d) At least half of the East and West Indian respondents are more likely to shop online.
- (iv) Which of the following are NOT MENTIONED in the categories in which the shift to online shopping is visible?
1. Automobiles 5. Hardware
 2. Beauty products 6. Home appliances
 3. Clothes and accessories 7. Salons and Spa Services
 4. Gadgets
- (a) Options 1, 5, 7 (c) Options 2, 5, 7
 (b) Options 1, 5, 6 (d) Options 3, 4, 5
- (v) In paragraph 4, the author has
- (a) predicted a change in consumer behaviour in all the categories
 - (b) listed a few categories where consumers are likely to buy online even post Covid-19
 - (c) shown how in some categories consumers will continue to buy offline
 - (d) tracked changes in consumer behaviour since the lockdown was announced
- (vi) In paragraph 5, when the author says 'which picked up a lot of momentum' he means to say that something
- (a) went up in price (c) got sold in no time
 (b) became most sought after (d) gathered much speed

(vii) Which of the following options correctly lists the ascending order in percentage of non-essentials bought online in the lockdown?

1. Apparels and accessories, gadgets, kitchen appliances, health supplements
2. Health supplements, apparels and accessories, gadgets, kitchen appliances
3. Health supplements, kitchen appliances, gadgets, apparels and accessories
4. Apparels and accessories, kitchen appliances, gadgets, health supplements

(a) Option 1

(c) Option 3

(b) Option 2

(d) Option 4

(viii) A key category that is likely to return again to offline shopping mode after a surge during lockdown is

(a) Automobiles

(c) Salons and Spa Services

(b) Alcohol

(d) Grocery, Food and Eating Out

(ix) The percentage of the surveyed urban Indians who did not order anything non-essential online even after deliveries resumed is

(a) 10%

(c) 20%

(b) 15%

(d) 33%

(x) Choose two least bought items in the list of online shopping made by surveyed consumers.



(a) Options (1) and (2)

(c) Options (3) and (4)

(b) Options (1) and (3)

(d) Options (2) and (4)

(xi) The top most concern of online buyers is

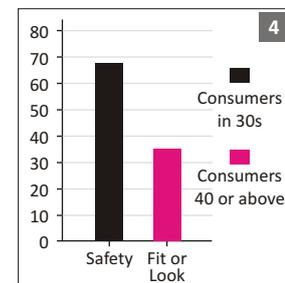
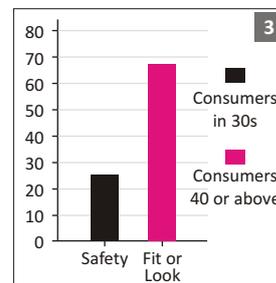
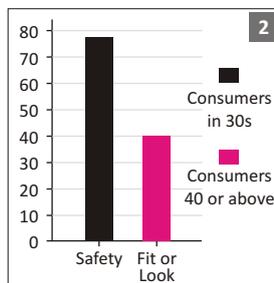
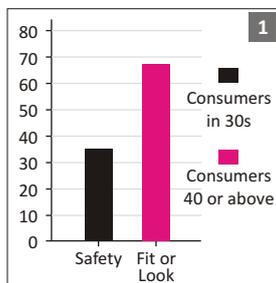
(a) quality of products

(c) time taken for deliveries

(b) safety in shopping

(d) return, exchange and cancellation policies

(xii) Which of the following options correctly depicts the data regarding the highest concern among consumers in their thirties, and above 40 years in age respectively?



(a) Option 1

(c) Option 3

(b) Option 2

(d) Option 4

LITERATURE (10 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

(A) "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. This hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

That night was a sorrowful one.

"All our work, for nothing."

"There's no one who can help us."

"We'll all go hungry this year."

But in the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house in the middle of the valley, there was a single hope: help from God.

"Don't be so upset, even though this seems like a total loss. Remember, no one dies of hunger."

"That's what they say: no one dies of hunger."

(i) 'This' in the expression "...more than this" in line 1 refers to which of the following?

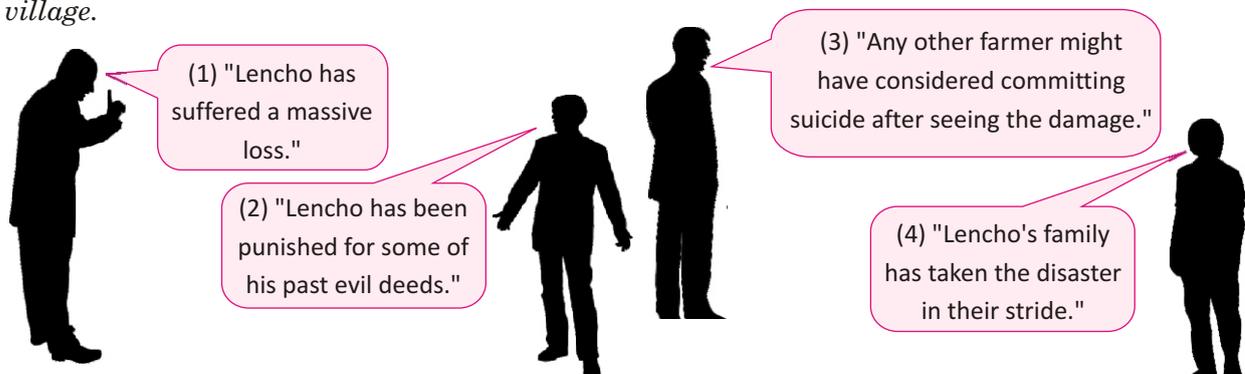
- (a) money (c) corn
(b) snow (d) salt

(ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are **NOT TRUE** according to the extract given above.

1. This conversation is taking place between Lencho and his family.
2. The outburst of these feelings takes place after Lencho discovered that God had sent him only 70 pesos.
3. The sorrowful night being described here is the night after the hailstorm.
4. Lencho and his family pinned their hope on God.
5. A locust attack would have caused more destruction than the snowstorm did.
6. Lencho's house was the only house in the middle of the valley.
7. Lencho's family made no efforts to console him.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (c) 3, 4 and 6
(b) 2, 4 and 5 (d) 2, 5 and 7

(iii) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact(s) [F] and opinion(s) [O] of four people from Lencho's village.



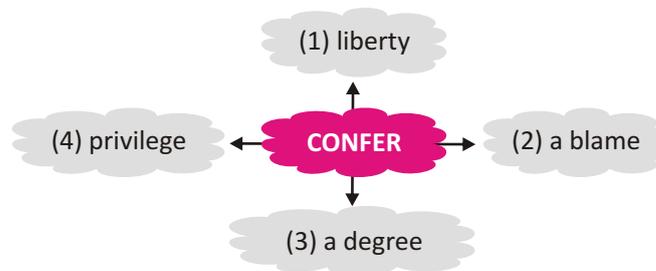
- (a) [F] – 1, 3 and [O] – 2, 4
 (b) [F] – 1, 4 and [O] – 2, 3
 (c) [F] – 2, 3 and [O] – 1, 4
 (d) [F] – 3, 4 and [O] – 1, 2
- (iv) Who is the **MOST LIKELY SPEAKER** of the line “Don't be so upset...no one dies of hunger”?
- (a) Lencho
 (b) Lencho's wife
 (c) Lencho's sons
 (d) Lencho's neighbour
- (v) Which of the following correctly lists the emotions / feelings of Lencho and his family respectively?
- (a) sorrow and joy
 (b) sympathy and pity
 (c) fear and hope
 (d) distress and hopelessness

Or

(B) Today, all of us do, by our presence here... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud.

We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

- (i) The extract uses the phrase, ‘confer glory’. Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word ‘confer’?



- (a) Option (1)
 (b) Option (2)
 (c) Option (3)
 (d) Option (4)
- (ii) Choose the answer that lists the 'extraordinary human disaster' referred to in the extract above.
- (a) The end of Apartheid in South Africa
 (b) The end of white regime in South Africa
 (c) The period of Apartheid in South Africa
 (d) The imprisonment of Nelson Mandela
- (iii) The speaker hopes to create a society that will be
- (a) proud of humanity
 (b) a pride for humanity
 (c) free from all outlaws
 (d) a symbol of oppression
- (iv) When the speaker says that 'distinguished international guests' have come to take possession of...', he means to say that

- (a) foreign dignitaries have come to take possession of the newly liberated country
 (b) foreign dignitaries have come to handover the power to the newly elected government
 (c) foreign dignitaries have come to witness the release of political prisoners of the speaker's country
 (d) foreign dignitaries have come to witness the formation of a new government
- (v) Which of the following best describes the characteristics of the speaker's personality as becomes evident from the extract above?
- (a) free, distinguished, powerful
 (b) elated, hopeful and grateful
 (c) sorry, disappointed and isolated
 (d) sympathetic, generous, farsighted

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

(A) The way a crow

Shook down on me
 The dust of snow
 From a hemlock tree

 Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued.

- (i) What has given the poet's heart a change of mood?
- (a) The sight of the crow
 (b) The manner in which the snow fell on him
 (c) The cold snowy morning
 (d) The hemlock tree
- (ii) The poet's mood changed from to
- (a) indifference; curiosity
 (b) appreciation; complaint
 (c) gloom; joy
 (d) joy; sorrow
- (iii) The crow's action of shaking down snow on the poet is purely
- (a) deliberate
 (b) unintentional
 (c) planned
 (d) revengeful
- (iv) The rhyme scheme of both the stanzas
- (a) abcb; abcb
 (b) abcd; abcd
 (c) aabb; cddd
 (d) abab; abab
- (v) Which of the following statements best conveys the main idea of the poem quoted here?
- (a) Some days bring us gloom and some days bring us happiness.
 (b) Nature has the ability to transform our mood.
 (c) Man is a creature who likes to complain more than he appreciates.
 (d) Crows share a unique relationship with human beings.

Or

(B) He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- (i) Choose the correct option that describes how the tiger feels in this extract.
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| (a) aggressive and elated | (c) angry and helpless |
| (b) sad but optimistic | (d) resilient but reconciled |
- (ii) The expression 'pads of velvet quiet' is an example of which of the following literary devices?
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| (a) transferred epithet | (c) simile |
| (b) paradox | (d) metaphor |
- (iii) Why is the tiger in 'rage' according to the first stanza?
- (a) He has not been fed.
(b) He has been kept in a cage.
(c) He is sick of the visitors.
(d) He is disturbed by the noise of the patrolling cars.
- (iv) The second stanza describes
- (a) an ideal situation for the tiger
(b) an imaginary situation for the tiger
(c) an glimpse of the tiger's future
(d) an glimpse of a typical day of the tiger in the zoo
- (v) Which of the following best describe the movement of the tiger in the second stanza?
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| (a) quick and playful | (c) aggressive and noisy |
| (b) timid and quiet | (d) silent and smooth |

GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

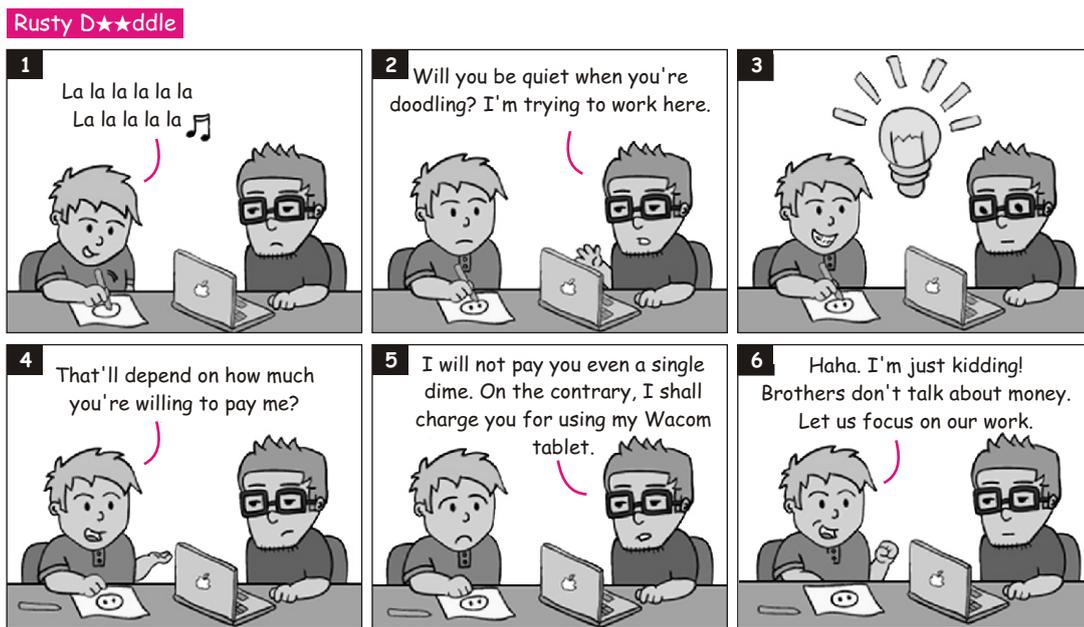
5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about Chilika Lake in Odisha.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks)

The largest brackish water lagoon in Asia, the Chilika Lake in Odisha (i) 1,000 sq. km. It (ii) of marshes, lowlands, and plenty of islands. The fresh water from inland rivers and saline water from Bay of Bengal (iii) to result in a unique ecosystem (iv) rich bio-diversity. One of (v) in the country for migrating birds, Chilika attracts tens of thousands of winged visitors, even from (vi) Mongolia and remote parts of Russia.

- (i) (a) spreads across more than
(b) is spreading across more than
- (ii) (a) is comprised of wide areas
(b) is comprising of wide areas
- (iii) (a) mixes together
(b) is mixing together
- (iv) (a) that support
(b) that supports
- (v) (a) a large wintering ground
(b) the largest wintering ground
- (vi) (a) so far so
(b) as far off
- (c) has spread across more than
(d) was spread across more than
- (c) comprised wide areas
(d) comprises of wide areas
- (c) has mixed together
(d) mix together
- (c) that is supporting
(d) that used to support
- (c) the largest wintering grounds
(d) the larger wintering grounds
- (c) so far as
(d) as far as

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the reported conversation between Rusty Doodle and his younger brother. (½ × 6 = 3 Marks)



One day Rusty Doodle was working on some assignment on his laptop while his younger brother sat beside him doodling. Suddenly, the boy started singing as he doodled and this disturbed Rusty. He told his brother (i) because the former was trying to work there. Rusty's brother replied that whether he would stop singing while doodling (ii) Rusty retorted by saying (iii) even a single dime. On the contrary, he quipped that (iv) his Wacom table. His brother tried to laugh the matter off by saying (v) and that brothers do not talk about money. He suggested that (vi)

- (i) (a) if he will be quiet when he was doodling
 (b) that will he be quiet when he was doodling
 (c) to be quiet when he was doodling
 (d) will you be quiet when you are doodling
- (ii) (a) will depend on how much Rusty was willing to pay him
 (b) would depend on how much Rusty was willing to pay him
 (c) depends on how much Rusty is willing to pay me
 (d) depended on how much Rusty was willing to pay him
- (iii) (a) that he was not going to pay him
 (b) that I will not pay you
 (c) that he would not pay him
 (d) that he won't be paying him
- (iv) (a) he shall charge his brother for using
 (b) I shall charge you for using
 (c) he should charge his brother for using
 (d) he would charge his brother for using
- (v) (a) that I am just kidding
 (b) that he was just kidding
 (c) that he is just kidding
 (d) that I was just kidding
- (vi) (a) they should focus on their work
 (b) we should have focussed on our work
 (c) they shall focus on their work
 (d) let them focus on their work

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR OF THE SIX sentences given below.

(4 × 1 = 4 Marks)

- (i) I consult a dictionary to find out the meaning of all the difficult words in your essay. I found the vocabulary much too difficult for me.
 (a) had to
 (b) will have to
 (c) ought to
 (d) used to
- (ii) Each of the six members of the delegate given a plaque as a memento in the function yesterday.
 (a) is
 (b) are
 (c) was
 (d) were
- (iii) than two thousand kilograms was used in preparing the dessert! I think that's too much sugar, isn't it?
 (a) No more
 (b) No fewer
 (c) No much
 (d) No less
- (iv) My father is university professor with unenviable research record.
 (a) an; an
 (b) a; an
 (c) a; a
 (d) an; a
- (v) It's 9 pm! Arun's flight have landed by now. Shall I try to call him to find out?
 (a) could
 (b) would
 (c) must
 (d) should

(vi) *The building collapse. Run! Now!*

(a) was going to

(c) will

(b) is going to

(d) would

PART B (40 Marks)

WRITING (10 Marks)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

(A) The Eco-Club of your school has established a chapter of the Eco-Tourism Society. The chapter members need Eco-tourism T-Shirts, Badges, Caps and Wrist Bands for the club activities. Write a letter to the Manager Sales, Ecotourism Society of India, E - 75, Basement, East of Kailash, New Delhi 110065, placing an order for the goods.

In your letter you should

- ◆ announce that the school has established a chapter of the society
- ◆ describe your requirements – articles, quantity, sizes, colours and designs along with product code numbers
- ◆ say how much money you are sending as an advance and how the balance amount will be paid on delivery

Or

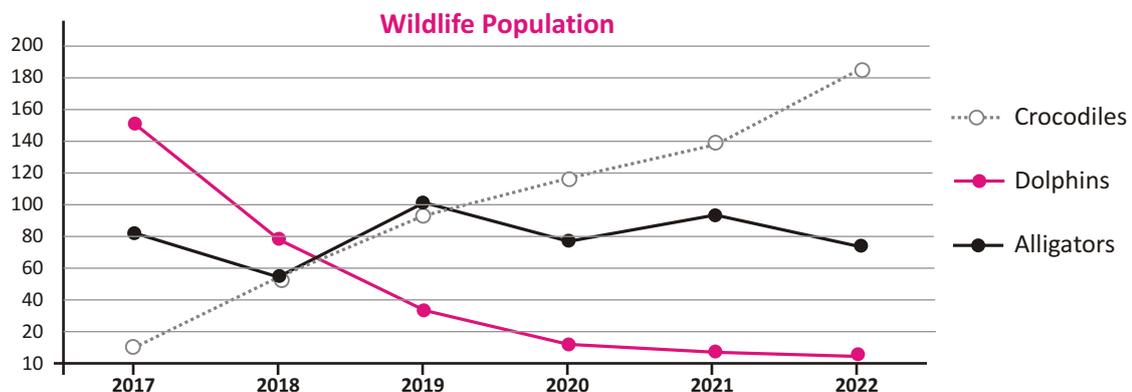
(B) Write a letter to the Chief Administrator of the Pollution Control Board of your area/state/ district complaining against the pollution being caused by unrestricted chemical discharge by an industrial unit near your area into nearby water body.

In your letter you should

- ◆ introduce yourself and describe how an industrial unit in your area is polluting the water body
- ◆ ask for an immediate ban on the unrestricted chemical discharge
- ◆ seek an appropriate penal action against the industrial unit

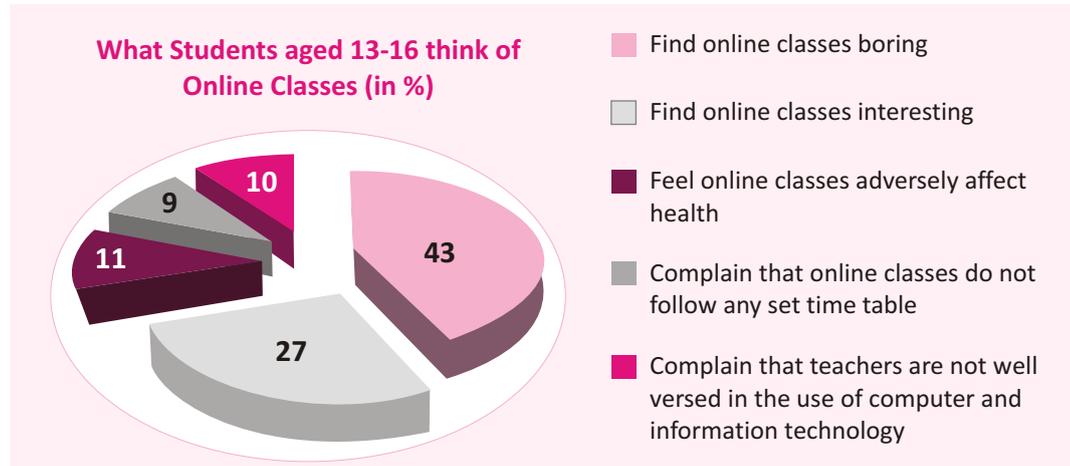
9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

(A) The line graph below shows some data related to the population of three species – River Dolphins, Crocodiles and Alligators in India between 2017 and 2020 and some projections for the next two years. Study the information carefully and then write a paragraph analysing the data. Make comparisons wherever appropriate and draw conclusions.



Or

- (B) Given below are the results of a phone survey of a group of 1000 students aged 13-16 about what they think of online classes. Study the information carefully and then write a paragraph analysing the data. Make comparisons wherever appropriate and draw conclusions.



LITERATURE (30 Marks)

10. Answer **ANY TWO** questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2 x 4 = 8 Marks)

(A) (any two) (2 x 2 = 4 Marks)

- What reasons does Lucio Rodrigues give to support his view that baking was a profitable profession in his childhood days?
- How do Peggy and Maddie come to feel that Wanda really liked them?
- In the poem "The Ball Poem" the speaker could have easily compensated the boy for his loss but he doesn't. Why?

(B) (any two) (2 x 2 = 4 Marks)

- What was Ebright's eighth grade project about?
- How did Bill describe Lutkin's mother?
- Why did Ramlal and his wife decide to send Bholi to school?

11. Answer **ANY TWO** questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3 x 4 = 12 Marks)

(A) (any two) (3 x 2 = 6 Marks)

- List any three ways in which animals, according to Walt Whitman, are better than human beings?
- What did Anne write in her first essay? How did Mr Keesing respond to it?
- List with examples any three qualities of Valli's character in the story "Madam Rides the Bus".

(B) (any two)

(3 × 2 = 6 Marks)

- (i) In the story "A Triumph of Surgery," the real problem is not the dog but his owner Mrs. Pumphrey. Justify.
- (ii) Do you think Anil led Hari Singh to temptation? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- (iii) As a character, Griffin is a nightmare for all. Justify.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.**(5 Marks)**

(a) Do the two stories "His First Flight" and "The Black Aeroplane" suggest that God helps those who help themselves? Discuss.

Or

(b) Read the following quote on good neighbours:

'A Good Neighbour is a Welcome Blessing!'

How do Natalya and Ivan fail to be a welcome blessing to each other in the play "The Proposal"?

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.**(5 Marks)**

(a) Matilda Loisel could have prevented a lot of suffering had she not borrowed the necklace or had she asked Mme Forestier for an artificial necklace right in the beginning. Discuss.

Or

(b) Imagine you are the author of the story "Bholi". Write a paragraph that narrates a happy ending of the story.

ANSWERS**PART A**

1. (i) (d) dam
- (ii) (a) Option 1
- (iii) (b) Bad choices hinder the attainment of desired goals.
- (iv) (c) choices seemingly good in the short term may have long terms adverse effects
- (v) (d) Your choices and decisions must always be in sync with the goals that you set for yourself in life.
- (vi) (c) advantages and disadvantages
- (vii) (d) Reflecting on your inclinations and wishes
- (viii) (c) which is taken on the basis of facts and information
- (ix) (b) Making Good Choices
- (x) (c) Paragraph 3
- (xi) (d) advise
- (xii) (a) tells us which choice to make
2. (i) (c) Options 3 and 4
- (ii) (d) 21%

- (iii) (c) Fewer people in Tier-1 cities are interested to shift to online shopping as compared to those in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- (iv) (a) Options 1, 5, 7
- (v) (b) listed a few categories where consumers are likely to buy online even post Covid-19
- (vi) (d) gathered much speed
- (vii) (c) Option 3
- (viii) (d) Grocery, Food and Eating Out
- (ix) (c) 20%
- (x) (a) Options (1) and (2)
- (xi) (b) safety in shopping
- (xii) (d) Option 4
- 3(A)** (i) (c) corn
- (ii) (d) 2, 5 and 7
- (iii) (b) [F] – 1, 4 and [O] – 2, 3
- (iv) (b) Lencho's wife
- (v) (c) fear and hope
- 3(B)** (i) (b) Option (2)
- (ii) (c) The period of Apartheid in South Africa
- (iii) (b) a pride for humanity
- (iv) (d) foreign dignitaries have come to witness the formation of a new government
- (v) (b) elated, hopeful and grateful
- 4(A)** (i) (b) The manner in which the snow fell on him
- (ii) (c) gloom; joy
- (iii) (b) unintentional
- (iv) (d) *abab; abab*
- (v) (b) Nature has the ability to transform our mood.
- 4(B)** (i) (c) angry and helpless
- (ii) (d) metaphor
- (iii) (b) He has been kept in a cage.
- (iv) (a) an ideal situation for the tiger
- (v) (d) silent and smooth
- 5.** (i) (a) spreads across more than
- (ii) (d) comprises of wide areas
- (iii) (d) mix together
- (iv) (b) that supports

- (v) (c) the largest wintering grounds
- (vi) (d) as far as
- 6.** (i) (c) to be quiet when he was doodling
- (ii) (b) would depend on how much Rusty was willing to pay him
- (iii) (c) that he would not pay him
- (iv) (d) he would charge his brother for using
- (v) (b) that he was just kidding
- (vi) (a) they should focus on their work
- 7.** (i) (a) had to
- (ii) (c) was
- (iii) (d) No less
- (iv) (b) a; an
- (v) (c) must
- (vi) (b) is going to