



CBSE

Additional Practice Questions

Subject: English Core (301)

Class: XII 2023-24

Time allowed: 3 Hrs

Max Marks: 80

General Instructions

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

Section A: READING SKILLS (22 marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1.	Read the following text.	12 m
(1)	<p>Apollo, the Greek god of music and healing, always maintained that he was the greatest musician in the world, until Marsyas, who was part animal and part human, played the flute. Apollo's jealousy and insecurity drove him to eventually slay Marsyas so that his status as the greatest musician remained unchallenged. One's usual imagination of a god is a being who is all-knowing and pure in every intention. What makes the Greek gods interesting is that they are shown as flawed beings who do not always act like 'Gods'.</p>	
(2)	<p>In appearance, the gods resemble mortals, whom, however, they far surpass in beauty, grandeur, and strength; they are also more commanding in stature, height being considered by the Greeks an attractive feature in men or women. They resemble human beings in their feelings and habits, marrying and having children with them. They require daily nourishment to maintain their strength, and sleep to restore their energy. Their blood, a bright magical fluid called Ichor, never causes disease, and, when shed, produces new life.</p>	
(3)	<p>The Greeks believed that the mental qualifications of their gods were much higher than those of men, but, nevertheless, displayed human passions like revenge, deceit, and jealousy. In mythological tales, the gods always punish the evil-doer and administer dire punishments to any mortal who dares to neglect their worship. They often visit mankind and partake of their hospitality, and in many tales, both gods and goddesses become attached to mortals. Although there were so many points of resemblance between gods and men, there remained the one great characteristic distinction: immortality. Still, the gods were not invulnerable, and were often wounded and suffered so much that they'd pray for death. The gods could transport themselves to incredible distances with the speed of thought.</p>	

<p>(4)</p>	<p>They could be invisible at will, and could take the forms of men or animals as it suited their convenience. They could also transform human beings into trees, stones, or animals. Their robes were like those worn by mortals, but were perfect in form and much finer in texture. Their weapons also resembled those used by mankind. They often used spears, shields, helmets, bows and arrows. Most of these divinities lived on the summit of Mount Olympus, each having his or her own palace. Magnificent temples were erected to their honour, rich gifts were presented to them, and living creatures were sacrificed on their altars.</p>
<p>(5)</p>	<p>In Greek mythology, the gods take every opportunity to reveal and establish their divinity but also fall prey to human impulses. Perhaps the Greeks did so to help generations of readers reflect on important life lessons to avoid tragic downfalls.</p> <p>- E. M. Berens</p>
<p>Source (edited): '<i>Myths and Legends of Ancient Greece and Rome</i>' - https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/22381/pg22381-images.html#page7 (448 words)</p>	
<p>Answer the following questions based on the passage above.</p>	
<p>i</p>	<p>'... they are shown as flawed beings who do not always act like 'Gods'. (paragraph 1)</p> <p>Which of these are examples of the above statement?</p> <p>I. Gods getting attached and falling in love II. Gods punishing mortals for their wrongdoing III. Gods showing kindness and compassion to all IV. Gods deceiving everyone for their personal gain V. Gods killing a mortal out of jealousy and insecurity</p> <p>Select the correct option.</p> <p>A. Only I and III B. Only II and V C. Only I, IV, and V D. Only II, IV, and V</p>
<p>ii</p>	<p>Which of these would Apollo most likely say about Marsyas' musical ability?</p> <p>A. 'Why does everyone think he plays music well? It is obvious that he doesn't have talent.' B. 'Why is he challenging me like that? I wonder what is troubling him that I can heal.'</p>



	<p>C. 'How can an animal play the flute? Such creatures must know their place.'</p> <p>D. 'How dare he play better than me? I am supposed to be the best in the world.'</p>	
iii	<p>Why does the author begin the passage with a description of Apollo?</p> <p>A. to show that the Greek Gods have immense power and influence over the mortals</p> <p>B. to emphasise the point that the Greek Gods are based in interesting stories</p> <p>C. to highlight the point that the Greek Gods are more human-like in nature</p> <p>D. to state that the Greek Gods are also allowed to make mistakes</p>	1
iv	<p>What is ironic about Apollo being the one who slays Marsyas? Answer in about 40 words.</p>	2
v	<p>Based on your reading of paragraph 3, explain what 'invulnerable' means. Answer in one sentence.</p>	1
vi	<p>In 40 words, state any two ways that the Greek gods are superior to human beings.</p>	2
vii	<p>Complete the given sentence with ONE word.</p> <p><i>From the fact that the Greek gods punish any mortal who neglects their worship, we can infer that they are _____.</i></p>	1
viii	<p>Imagine that someone was born from Ichor. In which of these situations would the Ichor be most useful?</p> <p>A. a natural disaster that causes the earth to split apart</p> <p>B. a pandemic that has been caused by a contagious virus</p> <p>C. a war that requires transforming into another form quickly</p> <p>D. a competitive entrance exam that is very tough to qualify for</p>	1
ix	<p>What does the author mean by 'tragic downfalls' in paragraph 5? Give an example of a tragic downfall in current times in about 40 words.</p>	2
2.	Read the following text.	10 m
(1)	<p>ChatGPT has been gaining attention for how closely it mimics human-like responses. Created by OpenAI in 2022, it is a chatbot that has been trained to have knowledge of worldly events and phenomena up till September 2021 and to interpret the context of texts to produce meaningful responses. The tool can provide answers on many topics, and often states disclaimers if it cannot answer a prompt accurately. Unlike a search engine, it cannot browse the internet for information. It also does not collect any personal information of users.</p> <p>A survey was administered to understand the uses of ChatGPT in the fields of education, healthcare and research. There were 420 participants in the study of which 59 respondents were from the medical field, 118 respondents were students and faculty from</p>	

(2) the research field, 70 respondents identified as administrative staff, and 173 people marked 'other' as their occupation. Of the 420 respondents, only 40% had used ChatGPT before. More medical trainees and students as well as research students had used ChatGPT as compared to medical staff and research faculty.

The survey asked about the viability of ChatGPT for its use within the fields of education, research, and healthcare. The following table summarises the responses.

(3)

Question	Statement	Number of respondents
Should ChatGPT be used in Education?	No, it should be banned.	11
	I don't know; it is too early to make a statement.	226
	Yes, it should be actively incorporated.	183
Should ChatGPT be used in Research?	No, it should not be used at all.	6
	I don't know; it is too early to make a statement.	75
	Yes, but it should only be used to brainstorm.	68
	Yes, as long as its use is transparently disclosed.	259
	Yes, disclosure is NOT needed.	10
Should ChatGPT be used in Healthcare?	No, it should not be used at all.	15
	I don't know; it is too early to make a statement.	177
	Yes, it can be used for administrative purposes.	176
	Yes, it can be used for any purpose.	51

Based on the responses, there was a greater uncertainty around its use in healthcare and education, compared to using it in research. Regarding the use of ChatGPT in healthcare, a significant portion of respondents (42%) approved of using it for administrative purposes (for example, preparing patient profiles or reports) and a smaller population of respondents (12.2%) felt it could be used for any purpose.

(4)

The current application of ChatGPT and its future potential needs to be examined. It can help students understand texts and write more effectively, simplify medical information for patients and automate administrative tasks, and prepare a summary of information which otherwise would require hours of reading through various resources. However, its negative impact must also be considered before institutions approve its use.

(5)

- Multiple Authors



Source (edited): <i>'An exploratory survey about using ChatGPT in education, healthcare, and research'</i> - https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2023.03.31.23287979v1.full (330 words)		
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.		
i	Complete the given sentence in ONE word. <i>Based on the summary table, the _____ number of respondents think that ChatGPT should not be used.</i>	1
ii	The following was a prompt posted by a user in ChatGPT as their first question: <i>'What's my name?'</i> Based on information from the passage, which of these is most likely to be ChatGPT's response? A. 'Error 404: page not found.' B. 'Your name is user 1000004.' C. 'Sorry, can you repeat the question?' D. 'Sorry, I don't have access to your data.'	1
iii	Imagine that you have to write a news report on a major landslide that occurred in Manipur on 30 June, 2022. Would using only ChatGPT be useful for your project? State why or why not in 40 words.	2
iv	The following are the profiles of some respondents from the survey. Based on the passage, which of these profiles is MOST LIKELY to be a part of the 40% who have used ChatGPT before? A. a manager in a hospital who has done 5 years of administrative work B. a professor of Psychology who has 30 years of teaching experience C. a college graduate who is studying in a 2-year Master's course D. a 25-year-old teacher who is working in a public school	1
v	Which of these is true about the respondents of the survey? A. It had 118 respondents who were employed in the field of education. B. It had 70 respondents who had administrative roles in educational institutions. C. It had 173 respondents who were working in the field of research including students. D. It had 59 respondents who were from the medical field including those who study medicine.	1
vi	Why do you think some respondents feel that ChatGPT should be banned in education? State a reason in 40 words.	2



vii	Locate a detail from the passage that shows that we still do not know enough about ChatGPT. Answer in one sentence.	1
viii	State TRUE or FALSE. More than half of the respondents think it is ok to use ChatGPT in research if one clearly states its contribution.	1

SECTION B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 marks)

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes		
3	Attempt ANY ONE of two in about 50 words.	4
A	Maruti Public School will be conducting an online course on news reading during the summer vacations for students of Class XI and XII. In this course, students will learn to understand news reports, build the habit of reading the news regularly, and will have a chance to interact with well-known journalists. As Rutwik Sen, Editor of the school magazine, draft a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board, urging students to sign up. Mention any other relevant details required for the notice.	
	OR	
B	The <i>Teen Well-Being Association</i> of your society, EcoTech World, Sector 13, Chandigarh, will be holding free yoga classes on Sunday mornings, in the common hall. As a member of the association, draft a notice in about 50 words informing the young residents. Mention any other relevant details required for the notice.	
4	Attempt ANY ONE of two in about 50 words.	4
A	You are a member of the Cultural Society at L.J. High School. Your school is organising a cultural programme aimed at spreading awareness about environmental conservation. The programme will have dance and song performances, poetry recitation, and art exhibitions by the students throughout the day, in the school auditorium. In about 50 words, create an invitation for parents and school teachers to attend. Mention the relevant details required for an invitation.	
	OR	
B	You and your parents have received an invitation for your elder cousin's wedding to be held in Jaipur on 6th and 7th July. All of you would be delighted to attend. Draft a reply to your cousin accepting the invite and sharing your excitement while congratulating him.	
5	Attempt ANY ONE of two in about 120 – 150 words.	5
A	You are Sheena Singh, a recent graduate of High Horizon School. You came across the following advertisement about an internship in editing that you would like to apply for. Write a letter to Books Galore, expressing your interest in the position along with your	

resumé.



Books Galore

We are a non-profit organisation that works with underprivileged children.
Our goal is not only to make reading possible, but also enjoyable!

SEEKING EDITORS

For the children's magazine
Internship for 3 months (May-July 2025) with a monthly pay

Your role:

- Edit children's entries (stories, poems, essays)
- Make sure content is free of grammatical errors
- Meet publishing deadlines for the magazine

Requirements:

- Senior Secondary Education Degree or above (Above 80% in Grade XII English Exam)
- Excellent command over the English language
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn

Send a sample of your writing and your resumé to: internhr@booksgalore.org
Deadline: 14th April, 2025

OR

- B Lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and heart diseases have increased in India. 53% of deaths in India are due to lifestyle diseases. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily about the issue and your understanding of the reasons behind the same. Offer suggestions on how one can reduce their risk of having such diseases and on ways to cope with them. You may use the following cues to compose the letter. You are Shriya Rawat, a concerned citizen.

Consequences:

- leads to a poor quality of life mentally and physically
- increases the cost of health care
- can reduce life expectancy and cause early deaths



	<p>Solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - follow a balanced diet - incorporate some form of exercise that is sustainable - get regular blood tests to check our health status 	
6	Attempt ANY ONE of two in about 120-150 words.	5
A	<p>You are Sneha Hassan of Class XII. Write an article for your school magazine on the <i>Importance of Active Listening</i>. Expand on how good listening skills help one to gain multiple perspectives, be an effective team player, and contribute to an overall atmosphere of empathy and care. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Listening skills: listening and comprehending, paraphrasing, active body language like nodding, changing facial expressions, and sitting straight. Effect on others: we feel heard and acknowledged, builds trust, others more likely to hear us, leads to more ideas being shared</p> </div>	
OR		
B	<p>Your school recently organised a workshop on <i>Active Listening</i> for students of Classes XI and XII on 21 January, 2024. As Simran Kaur, a member of the organising committee, draft a report covering the event for your school's newspaper. Support your ideas with the outline cues given below to craft your report.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → purpose of the workshop → who attended the workshop → activities that took place → key messages or takeaways from the workshop → post-workshop resources and information given to attendees → what impact the workshop would have on the students and their environment </div>	
SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)		
7	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given	6
	<p>What I want should not be confused with total inactivity. Life is what it is about; I want no truck with death. If we were not so single-minded about keeping our lives moving,</p>	



	and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves with death. (<i>Keeping Quiet</i>)	
i	Which of these does the speaker imply through the following lines: <i>Life is what it is about; I want no truck with death.</i> A. Life is meant to be lived and death should not be the focus here. B. Life is meant to teach us lessons and near-death experiences are not always bad. C. Life is full of adventures and the fear of death should not stop us from exploring them all. D. Life is full of many choices and thoughts about death should not be a point of consideration.	1
ii	Complete the given sentence appropriately. Based on the extract, silence would help humanity to _____.	1
iii	What does the speaker mean when he describes people as 'single-minded'? A. People who only work towards understanding themselves. B. People who are driven by only one passion in their life. C. People who only focus on rushing through their life. D. People who can focus on only one task at a time.	1
iv	Justify the following statement as FALSE. In the given extract, the speaker is ordering readers to do certain actions.	1
v	Based on the extract, how do you think the speaker feels about humanity? Answer in one sentence.	1
vi	Observe how the lines in the poem break off at certain words. Give one reason why the poet has structured the lines in this manner.	1
OR		
	... I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that	



	<p>of a corpse and realised with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away, and looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes, ...</p> <p><i>(My Mother at Sixty-Six)</i></p>	
i	Why does the poet compare her mother's face to a corpse? Answer in one sentence.	1
ii	<p>What effect does the phrase 'open mouthed' have on the poem?</p> <p>A. It builds a mood of surprise and shock in the poem. B. It reveals the speaker's fear of her own death and mortality. C. It adds to the imagery of the speaker's mother appearing dead. D. It highlights the speaker's attempt at hiding her emotions from her mother.</p>	1
iii	<p>Complete the given sentence appropriately.</p> <p>The contrast present in the given extract is between _____.</p>	1
iv	<p>State a reason for the following.</p> <p>The speaker looks out of the window while travelling with her mother.</p>	1
v	<p>Which of these phrases uses the same poetic device as the following line from the extract?</p> <p><i>looked out at Young Trees sprinting...</i></p> <p>A. that restaurant is as nice as the Big Fish B. the pen became my highway to success C. that fluffy cloud crying with sadness D. the tall trees with many branches</p>	1
vi	Why do you think the poet has placed the word 'pain' on a separate line? Give a reason.	1
8.	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.	4
A.	The man ceased his mutterings, and then a third bell was tapped. Every one picked up his knife and fork and began eating. I began crying instead, for by this time I was afraid to	



	<p>venture anything more. But this eating by formula was not the hardest trial in that first day. Late in the morning, my friend Judewin gave me a terrible warning. Judewin knew a few words of English; and she had overheard the paleface woman talk about cutting our long, heavy hair. Our mothers had taught us that only unskilled warriors who were captured had their hair shingled by the enemy. Among our people, short hair was worn by mourners, and shingled hair by cowards!</p> <p><i>(Memories of Childhood: The Cutting of my Long Hair)</i></p>	
i	<p>Which of these can be inferred from the extract?</p> <p>A. The speaker did not understand or speak English. B. The speaker did not think highly of her own culture. C. The speaker did not have any living family members. D. The speaker did not know what a knife or fork were used for.</p>	1
ii	<p>How was the speaker feeling by the time the third bell rang? Why did she feel this way?</p>	1
iii	<p>Complete the given sentence appropriately.</p> <p>The speaker compares her experience of eating to that of a trial because _____.</p>	1
iv	<p>Based on the extract, what would it mean to the speaker if her long hair was cut?</p>	1
OR		
B.	<p>The presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack of timetables that there are only two. But I say there are three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station. Yes, I've taken the obvious step: I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station, and he said it was a waking-dream wish fulfillment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station.</p> <p><i>(The Third Level)</i></p>	
i	<p>Complete the given sentence appropriately.</p> <p>Unlike the two levels that have 'a stack of timetables' to prove their existence, the third level has _____.</p>	1



ii	<p><i>Yes, I've taken the obvious step.</i></p> <p>What is the narrator assuming that the reader is thinking when he says the above line?</p>	1
iii	<p>Which of these is an example of 'a waking-dream wish fulfillment' as described in the extract?</p> <p>A. Meenal loses her book and swears that it is her enemy who stole it. B. Milind claims that he was petting his beloved dog whom he lost a few years ago. C. Malini tells everyone that she saw a Cheetah though she herself knows it is a lie. D. Mrinal thinks that he saw a spaceship in the sky which later turned out to be a normal aircraft.</p>	1
iv	<p>Based on the extract, what does the narrator think about the psychiatrist's opinion?</p>	1
9	<p>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.</p>	6
A.	<p>The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and tobacco. The guest was informed at once that in his days of prosperity his host had been a crofter at Ramsjo Ironworks and had worked on the land. Now that he was no longer able to do day labour, it was his cow which supported him. Yes, that bossy was extraordinary. She could give milk for the creamery every day, and last month he had received all of thirty kronor in payment.</p> <p>The stranger must have seemed incredulous, for the old man got up and went to the window, took down a leather pouch which hung on a nail in the very window frame, and picked out three wrinkled ten-kronor bills.</p> <p><i>(The Rattrap)</i></p>	
i	<p>Based on the extract, which of these can we infer about the old man?</p> <p>A. He made more money at the creamery than as a crofter. B. His occupation changed due to the limitations of old age. C. His generosity increased as he became more prosperous in old age. D. He preferred to earn by being his own boss rather than working under someone.</p>	1
ii	<p>What is the author implying when she compares the old man's confidences with his porridge and tobacco?</p>	1



iii	Complete the given sentence appropriately. <i>Based on the extract, we can infer that being a crofter paid the old man _____.</i>	1
iv	Which of these sentences uses ' <u>supported</u> ' in the same way as the extract does? A. The pillars <u>supported</u> the thick ceiling that was made completely of stone. B. Raman <u>supported</u> his friend's decision to find a job that pays her more money. C. Lalitha <u>supported</u> her mother by sending some money home on a regular basis. D. Few people <u>supported</u> the policy while the majority of the voters were against it.	1
v	Why would the peddler have seemed 'incredulous'? State a reason.	1
vi	Justify any one trait of the old man that the extract reveals.	1
OR		
B.	So it is hardly surprising that opinions of the interview --- of its functions, methods and merits --- vary considerably. Some might make quite extravagant claims for it as being, in its highest form, a source of truth, and, in its practice, an art. Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul. V. S. Naipaul feels that, 'Some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves.' Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland, was said to have had 'a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed. <i>(The Interview: Part I)</i>	
i	Identify any one contrast in the extract and explain it in one sentence in your own words.	1
ii	Based on V. S. Naipaul's quote, we can say that interviews _____. A. are forced upon people B. are physically violent in nature C. can build hostility and hatred D. can be a traumatic experience	1
iii	What is common between how celebrities feel about interviews and how primitive cultures viewed photographic portraits?	1



iv	Which of these uses ' <u>just</u> ' in the same way as the following expression in the extract? <i>'a <u>just</u> horror of the interviewer'</i> A. The <u>just</u> decision in the case against the criminal will empower us. B. I <u>just</u> need to buy one pencil so we can go shopping tomorrow. C. We will get back to you on this query in <u>just</u> a moment. D. The little girl looks <u>just</u> like her mother.	1
v	What makes an interview 'a source of truth'? State any one feature.	1
vi	Complete the given sentence appropriately. The author of the extract has a/an _____ tone while describing the interview.	
10	Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40-50 words	5x2=10
i	The author of 'Poets and Pancakes' is extremely observant of people and their behaviour. Support this statement with an example of a description he gives us about any one of the characters.	
ii	Why does Sophie's father look at Sophie with disdain in the following scene from 'Going Places'? <i>"Sophie's met Danny Casey", Geoff said.</i>	
iii	In the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers', why does the poet describe the tigers as 'bright topaz denizens of a world of green'?	
iv	What were some strategies that helped the narrator to overcome his fear of water that one can apply in their own life for facing any major fear? Explain any two. <i>(Deep Water)</i>	
v	<i>A crisis brings out our true capacity for compassion and kindness.</i> Support the above statement using M. Hamel from 'The Last Lesson' as an example. State any one detail from the text.	
vi	Imagine that John Keats meets someone who is feeling sad. What advice would he give to such a person? State any one feature of beauty from 'A Thing of Beauty' and relate the advice to it.	
11	Answer ANY TWO of the following three question, in about 40-50 words.	2x2=4



i	In the story, 'On the Face of It', what brings Derry and Mr Lamb together as friends? What can you conclude about friendships from this?
ii	How would a student's learning experience be enhanced in the 'Students on Ice' programme as compared to studying only in a classroom? Analyse any one point. (<i>Journey to the End of the Earth</i>)
iii	With reference to 'The Enemy', describe any two ways in which Sadao's father influenced Sadao's life.
12	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120-150 words. 5
A	<p>Imagine that Mahatma Gandhi from the text 'Indigo' visits Mukesh's town Firozabad as described in 'Lost Spring'. Gandhi sees how the poor bangle-makers are caught up in 'a vicious circle of the sahu-kars, the middlemen, the policemen, the keepers of law, the bureaucrats and the politicians.' True to his nature of being an activist and a social reformist, he decides to do something about it over a month.</p> <p>As Mukesh, write a diary entry on the last day of Gandhi's one-month stay, elaborating on any two things that he did that transformed the people's lives in Firozabad.</p> <p>You may begin this way:</p> <p><i>Dear Diary,</i></p> <p><i>Today marks a month of Mahatma Gandhi being in our town...</i></p>
OR	
B	<p>Observe the following lines from two different poems.</p> <p><i>(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)</i> <i>When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie</i> <i>Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.</i></p> <p><i>(The Roadside Stand)</i> <i>I can't help owning the great relief it would be</i> <i>To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.</i></p> <p>There are many commonalities between the two poems. Imagine that you are interviewing Adrienne Rich and Robert Frost together. Ask them any two questions that would highlight two points of similarity between their poems, and create their responses to each.</p> <p>You may begin this way:</p> <p><i>Interviewer:</i></p>



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	<i>Rich:</i> <i>Frost:</i>	
13	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120 – 150 words.	5
A	<p>Recall the story 'We too are Human Beings' from the text 'Memories of Childhood'. Imagine that Bama stops the elderly man who was carrying the packet of <i>vadais</i>, and strikes up a conversation with him. She asks him a couple of questions. As the man, respond to Bama's questions. You may follow the given format and include the two questions in your conversation.</p> <p><i>Bama: Hi sir, I noticed that you were carrying that packet in a funny manner. Why were you doing so?</i></p> <p><i>Elderly man: ...</i></p> <p><i>Bama: But that's terrible. How does that make you feel?</i></p>	
OR		
B	<p>The king in the story 'The Tiger King' was driven by the single purpose of staying alive based on the prophecy that the hundredth tiger would kill him. He hunted tigers out of fear. Imagine that you are living in the King's times, and he has killed seventy tigers at this point. As someone who cares about animal welfare, write a letter to the king convincing him to stop hunting tigers.</p> <p>You may begin this way:</p> <p><i>My sincerest greetings to his majesty,</i></p> <p><i>I am Rajan, a subject of your kingdom, and I am writing to you today because...</i></p>	



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विषय : हिंदी (कोड-302)

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निर्धारित समय : 3 घंटे

पूर्णांक : 80

सामान्य निर्देश –

1. इस प्रश्नपत्र में दो खंड हैं – खंड 'अ' और 'ब'। खंड 'अ' में वस्तुपरक/बहुविकल्पीय और खंड 'ब' में वस्तुनिष्ठ/वर्णनात्मक प्रश्न हैं।
2. प्रश्नपत्र के दोनों खंडों में प्रश्नों की कुल संख्या 14 है और सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।
3. खंड 'अ' में कुल 40 वस्तुपरक प्रश्न पूछे गए हैं, जिनमें से केवल 40 प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने हैं।
4. खंड 'ब' में कुल 8 प्रश्न हैं। निर्देशानुसार विकल्पों का ध्यान रखते हुए सभी प्रश्नों के उत्तर देना अनिवार्य है।
5. प्रश्नों के उत्तर लिखते समय क्रम संख्या अवश्य लिखें। सभी प्रश्नों के उत्तर क्रमानुसार लिखें।

खंड 'अ'	वस्तुपरक प्रश्न	40 अंक
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प्रश्न 1. निम्नलिखित गद्यांश को पढ़कर इस पर आधारित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए। (10X1=10)

आप स्वयं को जितना ज्ञान से चमकाते जाएँगे, उतना ही आपका जीवन के प्रति विश्वास बढ़ता जाएगा। नियमित अध्ययन भी शक्ति संचयन का एक रूप है। आज आपके द्वारा किया गया अध्ययन कभी भी आपके जीवन में चमत्कार पैदा कर सकता है। कई युवक-युवतियाँ आयु भर छोटे पद पर ही कार्य करते रहते हैं क्योंकि शायद वे अपने आगे के विकास के बारे में नहीं सोचते। वे जितना आगे बढ़ते हैं, छोटे-छोटे संकट उन्हें उतना ही पीछे धकेल देते हैं। अगर वे संचय शक्ति रखें तो संकट उन्हें पीछे नहीं धकेल सकता। जैसे स्वस्थ शरीर की प्रतिरोधक शक्ति व्यक्ति को शारीरिक व्याधियों से बचाती है, वैसे ही संचित शक्ति विषम परिस्थितियों से रक्षा करती है। संचित शक्ति के बिना व्यक्ति हर क्षेत्र में पराजित होगा।

फौज में भरती युवक रोज व्यायाम व अभ्यास करते हैं ताकि भारी शक्ति का संचय कर वे उसका प्रयोग युद्ध क्षेत्र में कर सकें। अगर वे सोचें कि युद्ध आने पर तैयारी करेंगे तो वे सफल नहीं हो सकते। हम में से अधिकांश लोग अकसर ऐसा ही सोचते हैं। युवक-युवतियाँ तब तक अध्ययन करने के लिए तैयार नहीं होते, जब तक उन्हें यह भरोसा न हो जाए कि जल्दी ही उनका अध्ययन काम आएगा। वे जल्दी ही परिणाम के इच्छुक होते हैं। वे सफलता का मूल्य चुकाए बिना सफलता के शिखरों तक पहुँचना चाहते हैं।



एक व्यक्ति यदि हजार रुपए कमाता है और कुछ नहीं बचाता तो सही अर्थों में कुछ भी नहीं कमाता क्योंकि असली कमाई तो उसकी बचत है। वह तो मात्र जीवनयापन कर रहा है। हम भी विशेष योग्यताओं का अर्जन नहीं करते। हम उतनी ही योग्यता विकसित करते हैं, जितनी योग्यता की हमें रोज जरूरत होती है। संचय करने की हम आवश्यकता ही नहीं समझते। मगर आगे बढ़ने के लिए संचित पूँजी होनी ही चाहिए। यही पूँजी है, आपकी संचित शक्ति।

स्रोत : साहस और आत्मविश्वास- रोमी सूद 'उपमाश्री'- पुस्तक महल, दिल्ली, संस्करण- 2009, पृष्ठ संख्या- 106

- 1 'आप स्वयं को जितना ज्ञान से चमकाते जाएँगे,' 1
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति में रेखांकित शब्द _____ के संदर्भ में प्रयोग किया गया है।
(a) प्रकाशमान वस्तु को और अधिक प्रकाशित करने
(b) अपने विवेक में दिन-प्रतिदिन बढ़ोतरी करने
(c) भाग्य को अपने अनुकूल बनाने
(d) अभिमान में बढ़ोतरी करने
- 2 गद्यांश के आधार पर 'शक्ति संचयन' का सटीक अर्थ पहचानिए। 1
(a) लगातार प्रयास करते रहना
(b) संकटों को पीछे ढकेलते रहना
(c) निरंतर अपनी क्षमताओं का विकास करना
(d) परिणाम के बारे में विचार करके कर्म करना
- 3 गद्यांश में रेखांकित पंक्ति उस व्यक्ति के _____ को व्यक्त करती है। 1
(a) दुश्चरित्र
(b) आलस्य
(c) ज्ञानाभाव
(d) अड़ियलपन
- 4 गद्यांश के आधार पर गलत कथन पहचानिए। 1
(a) फौजी युद्ध आने पर ही तैयारी करते हैं।
(b) संचित शक्ति विकास का मार्ग प्रशस्त करती है।
(c) अकसर लोग सफलता का मूल्य नहीं चुकाना चाहते हैं।
(d) कुछ युवक निरंतर प्रयास नहीं करने से छोटे पद पर बने रहते हैं।
- 5 गद्यांश में संचित शक्ति को पूँजी कहा गया है। 1
उपर्युक्त वाक्य में रेखांकित शब्द _____ की ओर संकेत करता है।
(a) औद्योगिक पूँजी
(b) साहित्य में उपलब्ध पूँजी
(c) आर्थिक लाभ से अर्जित पूँजी
(d) प्रचुर सामर्थ्य के विकास की पूँजी



- 6 'शायद वे अपने आगे के विकास के बारे में नहीं सोचते।' 1
- कथन (क) : दूरदृष्टि की कमी से विकास का मार्ग अवरुद्ध हो जाता है।
कथन (ख) : विषम परिस्थितियों का सामना करने का सामर्थ्य विकसित नहीं हो पाता है।
गद्यांश की पंक्ति के आधार पर उपर्युक्त कथनों के लिए सही विकल्प चुनिए।
(a) कथन (क) सही किंतु कथन (ख) उसका गलत परिणाम है।
(b) कथन (क) सही और कथन (ख) उसका सही परिणाम है।
(c) कथन (क) गलत किंतु कथन (ख) सही है।
(d) कथन (क) और (ख) दोनों गलत हैं।
- 7 'असली कमाई तो उसकी बचत है।' 1
- लेखक ने ऐसा कहा क्योंकि _____।
(a) विकट परिस्थितियों में संचित पूँजी ही काम आती है।
(b) आज की जमा की गई पूँजी कल काम नहीं आती है।
(c) केवल बचत करने से ही हमारा जीवनयापन होता है।
(d) आज बचत की गई पूँजी कल पर्याप्त नहीं होती है।
- 8 उपर्युक्त गद्यांश का मूल भाव आपकी पाठ्यपुस्तक के किस पाठ से मेल खाता है? 1
- (a) आत्मपरिचय
(b) बाज़ार दर्शन
(c) काले मेघा पानी दे
(d) मेरी कल्पना का आदर्श समाज
- 9 'आज आपके द्वारा किया गया अध्ययन कभी भी आपके जीवन में चमत्कार पैदा कर सकता है।' 1
- उपर्युक्त कथन से स्पष्ट होता है कि लेखक द्वारा बताई गई परिस्थितियाँ _____ के आधार पर हैं।
(a) प्रमाण
(b) कल्पना
(c) संभावना
(d) वास्तविकता
- 10 'वे सफलता का मूल्य चुकाए बिना सफलता के शिखरों तक पहुँचना चाहते हैं।' 1
- उपर्युक्त पंक्ति का सही आशय पहचानिए।
(a) बिना मेहनत किए उन्नति पाना
(b) धन देकर सफलता को खरीदना
(c) अत्यधिक परिश्रम से प्रगति पाना
(d) असफल होकर ठोकर से सँभलना



प्रश्न 2. निम्नलिखित काव्यांश को पढ़कर इस पर आधारित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए।

(5X1=5)

अश्रु यह पानी नहीं है, यह व्यथा चंदन नहीं है!

यह न समझो देव पूजा के सजीले उपकरण ये,
यह न मानो अमरता से माँगने आए शरण ये,
स्वाति को खोजा नहीं है औ' न सीपी को पुकारा,
मेघ से माँगा न जल, इनको न भाया सिंधु खारा!
शुभ्र मानस से छलक आए तरल ये ज्वाल मोती,
प्राण की निधियाँ अमोलक बेचने का धन नहीं है।

अश्रु यह पानी नहीं है, यह व्यथा चंदन नहीं है!

नमन सागर को नमन विषपान की उज्ज्वल कथा को,
देव-दानव पर नहीं समझे कभी मानव प्रथा को,
कब कहा इसने कि इसका गरल कोई अन्य पी ले,
अन्य का विष माँग कहता हे स्वजन तू और जी ले!
यह स्वयं जलता रहा देने अथक आलोक सबको,
मनुज की छवि देखने को मृत्यु क्या दर्पण नहीं है।

अश्रु यह पानी नहीं है, यह व्यथा चंदन नहीं है!

शंख कब फूँका शलभ ने फूल झर जाते अबोले,
मौन जलता दीप, धरती ने कभी क्या दान तोले?
खो रहे उच्छ्वास भी कब मर्म गाथा खोलते हैं,
साँस के दो तार ये झंकार के बिन बोलते हैं,
पढ़ सभी पाए जिसे वह वर्ण-अक्षरहीन भाषा,
प्राणदानी के लिए वाणी यहाँ बंधन नहीं है।

अश्रु यह पानी नहीं है, यह व्यथा चंदन नहीं है!

- महादेवी वर्मा

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1 "यह न समझो देव पूजा के सजीले उपकरण ये,"
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति में रेखांकित शब्द का अर्थ _____ है।

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- (a) ईश्वर के प्रति अटूट विश्वास
(b) समर्पण की भावना
(c) सुरक्षा की भावना
(d) सुंदर बंधन
- 2 (i) अश्रु स्वाति नक्षत्र में सीप में गिरकर बना मोती है 1
(ii) पानी शीतल होता है पर आँसू पानी होकर भी शीतल नहीं हैं
(iii) मनुष्य को देवताओं और दानवों से श्रेष्ठ बताया गया है
(iv) धरती के त्याग और तपस्या की अनेकों गाथाएँ मूक वाणी में निहित हैं
- कविता के आधार पर सही कथन पहचानिए।
- (a) केवल (i) और (iv) सही हैं।
(b) केवल (i) और (iii) सही हैं।
(c) केवल (ii) और (iii) सही हैं।
(d) केवल (ii) और (iv) सही हैं।
- 3 आँसू के उत्पन्न होने का भाव किस पंक्ति में आया है? 1
(a) शुभ्र मानस से छलक आए तरल ये ज्वाल मोती
(b) मेघ से माँगा न जल, इनको न भाया सिंधु खारा
(c) यह न समझो देव पूजा के सजीले उपकरण ये
(d) अश्रु यह पानी नहीं है, यह व्यथा चंदन नहीं है
- 4 "अन्य का विष माँग कहता हे स्वजन तू और जी ले!" 1
- इनमें से कौन-सी परिस्थिति उपर्युक्त पंक्ति के अर्थ से सबसे अधिक मेल खाती है?
(a) रोहन अपने भाई की संपत्ति हथियाने के लिए लालायित है।
(b) सोनू ने गृह कलेश से मुक्त होने के लिए परिवार का त्याग कर दिया।
(c) परिवार का मुखिया सबकी बला स्वयं पर लेकर हँसते-हँसते सहता है।
(d) पापा बचपन से ही स्वयं को खुश रखते हुए अन्यो को खुश रखते आए हैं।
- 5 कथन (A) : स्वयं को दृढ़ बनाने के लिए आँसुओं को औजार कहा गया है। 1
कारण (R) : मनुष्य की तीव्र मानसिक पीड़ाओं के कारण यह जलमात्र न होकर ज्वाला बन गए हैं।



- उपर्युक्त कथन और कारण के आधार पर सही विकल्प चुनिए।
- (a) कथन (A) और कारण (R) दोनों सही हैं।
(b) कथन (A) और कारण (R) दोनों गलत हैं।
(c) कथन (A) सही है किंतु कारण (R) उसकी गलत व्याख्या है।
(d) कथन (A) गलत है किंतु कारण (R) उसकी सही व्याख्या है।

प्रश्न 3. निर्देशानुसार निम्नलिखित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए।

(5X1=5)

- 1 बांग्लादेश : 50 हजार लोग बाढ़ में फँसे, उफ़नी तीस्ता 1
ढाका. बांग्लादेश में तीस्ता नदी खतरे के निशान से 20 सेंटीमीटर ऊपर बह रही है, वहीं लगातार बारिश के कारण रंगपुर ज़िले के गंगचारा में निचले इलाकों में करीब 50,000 लोग बाढ़ में फँस गए हैं। तीस्ता से उफ़ान पर होने से 30 गाँव दो से तीन फीट पानी में डूब गए हैं।

स्रोत : राजस्थान पत्रिका, बेंगलूरु, रविवार, 16 जुलाई, 2023

उपर्युक्त समाचार में कौन-सा सूचनात्मक ककार नहीं है?

- (a) कहाँ - बांग्लादेश में तीस्ता उफ़नी
(b) कौन - बाढ़ में 50,000 लोग फँसे
(c) क्या - 30 गाँव पानी में डूबे
(d) कैसे - लगातार बारिश
- 2 (क) स्थायित्व की कमी 1
(ख) लिखित भाषा का विस्तार
(ग) चिंतन और विश्लेषण का माध्यम

उपर्युक्त में से मुद्रित माध्यम की विशेषताओं वाला उचित विकल्प चुनिए।

- (a) केवल (क)
(b) केवल (ख)
(c) केवल (क) और (ख)
(d) केवल (ख) और (ग)

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उपर्युक्त समाचार लेखन का क्षेत्र पहचानिए।

- (a) विज्ञान-प्रौद्योगिकी
(b) फ़िल्म-मनोरंजन
(c) अर्थ-व्यापार
(d) देश-विदेश
- 4 अखबारों में किसी समस्या, घटना या मुद्दे के प्रति अपनी राय प्रकट करना _____ लेखन के अंतर्गत आता है। 1
- (a) नाटक
(b) व्यापार
(c) संपादकीय
(d) साक्षात्कार
- 5 टी.वी. समाचारों के चरणों में से 'ड्राई-एंकर' के बारे में कौन-सा कथन सही है? 1
- (a) एंकर का घटना से संबंधित दृश्य दिखाना
(b) एंकर का रिपोर्टर से फ़ोन पर सूचनाएँ लेना
(c) एंकर का खबर को पूर्णता के साथ पेश करना
(d) एंकर का दर्शकों को सीधे घटना के बारे में बताना



प्रश्न 4. निम्नलिखित पठित गद्यांश को पढ़कर इस पर आधारित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए।

(5X1=5)

बाज़ार में एक जादू है। वह जादू आँख की राह काम करता है। वह रूप का जादू है पर जैसे चुंबक का जादू लोहे पर ही चलता है, वैसे ही इस जादू की भी मर्यादा है। जेब भरी हो, और मन खाली हो, ऐसी हालत में जादू का असर खूब होता है। जेब खाली पर मन भरा न हो, तो भी जादू चल जाएगा। मन खाली है तो बाज़ार की अनेकानेक चीज़ों का निमंत्रण उस तक पहुँच जाएगा। कहीं हुई उस वक्त जेब भरी तब तो फिर वह मन किसकी मानने वाला है! मालूम होता है यह भी लूँ, वह भी लूँ। सभी सामान ज़रूरी और आराम को बढ़ाने वाला मालूम होता है। पर यह सब जादू का असर है। जादू की सवारी उतरी कि पता चलता है कि फ़ैंसी चीज़ों की बहुतायत आराम में मदद नहीं देती, बल्कि खलल ही डालती है। थोड़ी देर को स्वाभिमान को ज़रूर सेंक मिल जाता है पर इससे अभिमान की गिल्टी की और खुराक ही मिलती है। जकड़ रेशमी डोरी की हो तो रेशम के स्पर्श के मुलायम के कारण क्या वह कम जकड़ होगी?

- 1 'बाज़ार में एक जादू है।' 1
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति में रेखांकित शब्द किस संदर्भ में आया है?
(a) समृद्धि
(b) आकर्षण
(c) सफलता
(d) धनबाहुल्य
- 2 बाज़ार की मर्यादा के माध्यम से लेखक उसकी _____ के बारे में चर्चा कर रहे हैं। 1
रिक्त स्थान के लिए सबसे उचित शब्द चुनिए।
(a) सीमा
(b) उन्नति
(c) प्रतिष्ठा
(d) स्वाभिमान
- 3 कथन (क) : बाज़ार से बहुतायत में सामान खरीदने का मनोवैज्ञानिक कारण है। 1
कथन (ख) : हम अपनी खरीदारी से दूसरों को प्रभावित करने की कोशिश करते हैं।
उपर्युक्त कथनों के लिए सही विकल्प पहचानिए।
(a) कथन (क) गलत और कथन (ख) सही है।
(b) कथन (क) और कथन (ख) दोनों गलत हैं।
(c) कथन (क) सही और कथन (ख) उसकी सही व्याख्या है।
(d) कथन (क) सही और कथन (ख) उसकी गलत व्याख्या है।



- 4 उपर्युक्त गद्यांश _____ संस्कृति को आधार बनाकर लिखा गया है।
रिक्त स्थान के लिए उचित विकल्प चुनकर वाक्य पूरा कीजिए। 1
- (a) उपयोगितावादी
(b) उपभोक्तावादी
(c) बहुआयामी
(d) आधुनिक
- 5 'मन खाली है तो बाज़ार की अनेकानेक चीज़ों का निमंत्रण उस तक पहुँच जाएगा।' 1
उपर्युक्त वाक्य में लेखक कह रहा है कि निश्चित _____ के अभाव में अनावश्यक चीज़ों की खरीदारी होती है।
- (a) व्यवस्था
(b) प्रयोजन
(c) संसाधनों
(d) धारणाओं

प्रश्न 5. निम्नलिखित पठित काव्यांश को पढ़कर इस पर आधारित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए।

(5X1=5)

उससे पूछेंगे तो आप क्या अपाहिज हैं?

तो आप क्यों अपाहिज हैं?

आपका अपाहिजपन तो दुख देता होगा

देता है?

हाँ तो बताइए आपका दुख क्या है

जल्दी बताइए वह दुख बताइए

बता नहीं पाएगा।

- 1 'तो आप क्यों अपाहिज हैं?' 1
साक्षात्कारकर्ता के ऐसे प्रश्न पूछने पर उसके _____ होने का पता चलता है।
- (a) भावुक
(b) क्रोधित
(c) प्रज्ञाहीन
(d) संवेदनहीन
- 2 'जल्दी बताइए वह दुख बताइए' 1
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति में साक्षात्कारकर्ता ने रेखांकित शब्द का प्रयोग क्यों किया है?
- (a) साक्षात्कारदाता की वेदना को प्रबल करने के लिए
(b) अपने मूल्यवान समय की बचत करने के लिए



- (c) पाठकों में सुनने की जिज्ञासा बढ़ाने के लिए
(d) साक्षात्कार जल्दी समाप्त करने के लिए
- 3 कविता में अपाहिज व्यक्ति कोई उत्तर नहीं दे रहा है क्योंकि _____ । 1
(a) प्रश्नकर्ता उस पर हावी हो रहा है
(b) उसे प्रश्न समझ में नहीं आ रहे हैं
(c) वह अपना दुख सबसे छिपाना चाहता है
(d) उसे उत्तर देने के लिए अधिक समय चाहिए
- 4 कथन (क) : दिव्यांग व्यक्ति कैमरे पर अपनी वेदना को व्यक्त करने में असमर्थ है। 1
कथन (ख) : प्रश्नकर्ता का व्यवहार दिव्यांग व्यक्ति के मन-मस्तिष्क को पहले ही आहत कर देता है।

उपर्युक्त कथनों के आधार पर सही विकल्प का चयन कीजिए।

- (a) कथन (क) सही है किंतु (ख) उसका गलत कारण है।
(b) कथन (क) सही है और (ख) उसका सही कारण है।
(c) कथन (क) और (ख) दोनों गलत हैं।
(d) कथन (क) गलत किंतु (ख) सही है।
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| (क) पद्यांश में रेखांकित शब्द | (i) संवेदनशीलता के अभाव को दर्शाना | 1 |
| (ख) पद्यांश में प्रयुक्त प्रश्नों का उद्देश्य | (ii) दृश्य संचार द्वारा करुणा का व्यवसाय | |
| (ग) पद्यांश का अप्रत्यक्ष लक्ष्य | (iii) साक्षात्कारदाता के लिए प्रयुक्त | |

पद्यांश के आधार पर सही मिलान वाला विकल्प पहचानिए।

- (a) (क)-(i), (ख)-(ii), (ग)-(iii)
(b) (क)-(ii), (ख)-(i), (ग)-(iii)
(c) (क)-(iii), (ख)-(ii), (ग)-(i)
(d) (क)-(iii), (ख)-(i), (ग)-(ii)
- प्रश्न 6. पूरक पाठ्यपुस्तक पर आधारित निम्नलिखित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए। (10X1=10)

- 1 'सिल्वर वैडिंग' कहानी किस विषय पर आधारित है? 1
(a) पारिवारिक भेदभाव
(b) सामाजिक भेदभाव
(c) पीढ़ी अंतराल
(d) वृद्धावस्था



- 2 यशोधर पंत की पत्नी को मातृसुलभ मजबूरी में _____ बनना पड़ा। 1
(a) कंजूस
(b) खर्चीला
(c) आधुनिक
(d) पुराणपंथी
- 3 'सिल्वर वैडिंग' कहानी के अनुसार नई पीढ़ी किसे अधिक महत्त्व देती है? 1
(a) मानवीय संवेदना को
(b) आध्यात्मिकता को
(c) संयुक्त परिवार को
(d) भौतिकता को
- 4 'कक्षा में दंगा करना और पढ़ाई की उपेक्षा करना मेरे लिए मुनासिब नहीं।' 1
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति से लेखक के _____ स्वभाव का पता चलता है।
(a) रौबदार
(b) शरारती
(c) उदासीन
(d) स्वानुशासित
- 5 कविता के प्रति आनंदा का झुकाव _____ के कारण बढ़ा। 1
(a) कविता को कंठस्थ करने में रुचि होने
(b) मास्टर सौंदलगेकर से प्रभावित होने
(c) स्वयं कविताओं का निर्माण करने
(d) मंत्री मास्टर के प्रोत्साहित करने
- 6 'जूझ' कहानी का सबसे उचित उद्देश्य चुनिए। 1
(a) अध्ययनशील छात्र बनना चाहिए।
(b) मनुष्य को संघर्ष करते रहना चाहिए।
(c) शिक्षा के महत्त्व को समझना चाहिए।
(d) ज़रूरतमंदों की मदद करनी चाहिए।
- 7 कथन (क) : मुअनजो-दड़ो की साक्षर सभ्यता एक सुसंस्कृत समाज की स्थापना थी। 1
कथन (ख) : मुअनजो-दड़ो सभ्यता को प्रकृति ने नहीं बल्कि मानवों ने कुशलतापूर्वक बसाया था।

उपर्युक्त कथनों के आधार पर सही विकल्प का चयन कीजिए।

- (a) कथन (क) सही है किंतु (ख) उसकी सही व्याख्या नहीं है।
(b) कथन (क) सही है और (ख) उसकी उचित व्याख्या है।



- (c) कथन (क) गलत और (ख) सही है।
(d) कथन (क) और (ख) दोनों गलत हैं।
- 8 'कलाओं की तरह वास्तुकला में भी कोई प्रेरणा चेतन-अवचेतन ऐसे ही सफ़र करती होगी।' 1
उपर्युक्त पंक्ति को किस संदर्भ में प्रयोग किया गया है?
(a) मानव सभ्यता द्वारा अपनी संस्कृति की रक्षा करना
(b) खुदाई के माध्यम से पुरानी सभ्यता की चेतना को जानना
(c) प्रत्येक संस्कृति में कलाओं और वास्तुकला का उत्कृष्ट प्रयोग होना
(d) मानव व्यवहार और विचारों का एक युग से दूसरे युग तक पहुँचना
- 9 लेखक ने मुअनजो-दड़ो की सभ्यता को 'लो प्रोफ़ाइल' _____ के कारण कहा है। 1
रिक्त स्थान के लिए उचित विकल्प चुनकर वाक्य पूरा कीजिए।
(a) आधुनिक अवशेष नहीं मिलने
(b) आडंबर रहित अवशेष मिलने
(c) धार्मिक चिह्न नहीं मिलने
(d) कुएँ की संस्कृति मिलने
- 10 लेखक के अनुसार मुअनजो-दड़ो की कौन-सी विशेषता अनूठी मिसाल है? 1
(a) अनाज की फ़सलें
(b) कुओं की संख्या
(c) नगर नियोजन
(d) संपन्न समाज

खंड 'ब'	वर्णनात्मक प्रश्न	40 अंक
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प्रश्न 7. निम्नलिखित चार अप्रत्याशित विषयों में से किसी एक विषय पर लगभग 120 शब्दों में रचनात्मक लेख लिखिए। (1X6=6)

- 1 (क) जब मैंने बनाया बेकार पड़ी वस्तुओं से नया सामान 6
(ख) जब मैं सातवें आसमान पर था
(ग) बदलता परिवेश
(घ) कृत्रिम बुद्धि (आर्टिफ़िशियल इंटेलिजेंस)


प्रश्न 8. निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 40 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X2=4)

- 1 'कहानी लेखन की सबसे अच्छी प्रक्रिया है, किसी अच्छी कहानी को पढ़कर उसका विश्लेषण किया जाए।' 2
उपर्युक्त कथन के आधार पर आपके द्वारा पढ़ी गई किसी अच्छी कहानी के कथानक और पात्रों का विश्लेषण कीजिए।

- 2 कैपटिव ऑडिएंस से आप क्या समझते हैं? अपने व्यक्तिगत अनुभव साझा करते हुए उत्तर लिखिए। 2
- 3 अप्रत्याशित विषयों पर लेखन क्या है? अप्रत्याशित विषयों पर लेखन के उदाहरणस्वरूप कोई दो शीर्षक लिखिए। 2

प्रश्न 9. निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 60 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X3=6)

- 1 अंतःवैयक्तिक और अंतरवैयक्तिक संचार किसे कहते हैं? दोनों के मध्य अंतर समझाते हुए लिखिए। 3
- 2 समाचार पत्र का निम्न पृष्ठ जनसंचार माध्यम का कौन-सा कार्य कर रहा है? 'लोग कहते हैं' शीर्षक के अंतर्गत किसी भी विषय पर अपने स्वतंत्र विचार अभिव्यक्त कीजिए। 3

लोग कहते हैं... 

नेहरू मेमोरियल का नाम-परिवर्तन क्यों?

भारत के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू के आधिकारिक निवास स्थान 'तीनमूर्ति भवन', 'नेहरू मेमोरियल' का नाम विधिवत रूप से बदलकर 'प्रधानमंत्री संग्रहालय' एवं 'लाइब्रेरी सोसाइटी' के नाम से रख दिया गया है। ब्रिटिशकालीन इस ऐतिहासिक इमारत में कभी भारत के ब्रिटिश आर्मी कमांडर इन चीफ़ रहा करते थे। नई व्यवस्था के अनुसार यहाँ देश के सभी प्रधानमंत्रियों से संबंधित जानकारी उनसे संबंधित क्रियाकलापों, उनके जीवन की महत्वपूर्ण वस्तुओं की जानकारी देखने को मिलेगी। हालाँकि कांग्रेस इस बदलाव से खुश नहीं है। कांग्रेस के नेता जयराम रमेश ने इस बदलाव को प्रतिशोध एवं संकीर्णता का नतीजा करार दिया है, जबकि भाजपा ने पलटवार करते हुए इसे कांग्रेस का मोतियाबिंद करार दिया है। मेरा मानना है कि नेहरू मेमोरियल का नाम नहीं बदला जाना चाहिए था क्योंकि यह भारत के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री से संबंधित है। पूरी दुनिया में इसका नाम है, पहचान है। दुनिया के पर्यटक आज भी नेहरू मेमोरियल को देखने आते हैं। एक समय भारत की धाक निर्गुट सम्मेलन के कारण ऐतिहासिक थी, जिसमें 3 नाम- 'नासिर', 'टीटू' व 'नेहरू' पूरे विश्व में चर्चित थे। देश के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू का 16 वर्ष का प्रधानमंत्री कार्यकाल ऐतिहासिक था, जिसके माध्यम से आधुनिक भारत में औद्योगिक क्रांति एवं प्रगतिशील भारत की नींव रखी गई थी, जिस पर चलकर आज हम विश्व शक्ति बनने का सपना देख रहे हैं। यह कहना गलत नहीं होगा कि 1947 में जब भारत आजाद हुआ था तो भारत खंड-खंड था, आज भारत अखंड है, संप्रभुता संपन्न है, प्रगति पथ पर अग्रसर विकासशील देश है और विश्व की पाँचवी आर्थिक शक्ति बनने जा रहा है। विश्व की राजनीति और कूटनीति में भारत की दखल है, जिसकी पृष्ठभूमि में पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू का योगदान अतुल्य है।

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- 3 समाचार पत्रिका को पाठकों तक पहुँचाने के कौन-से चरण होते हैं? उसमें आपका पसंदीदा अंक कौन-सा है और क्यों? दो कारण लिखिए। 3

प्रश्न 10. काव्य खंड पर आधारित निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 60 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X3=6)

- 1 'कविता के बहाने' में कवि ने 'चिड़िया क्या जाने', 'फूल क्या जाने' कहकर चिड़िया और फूल के बारे में क्या कहा है? 'बच्चा ही जाने' से अंत करके कवि क्या कहना चाहते हैं? 3
- 2 तुलसीदास लोकवादी कवि हैं। 'कवितावली' पाठ के आधार पर इस कथन की पुष्टि कीजिए। 3
- 3 "हम पूछ-पूछकर उसको रुला देंगे
इंतजार करते हैं आप भी उसके रो पड़ने का
करते हैं?
(यह प्रश्न पूछा नहीं जाएगा)" 3

कोष्ठक में किस प्रश्न के बारे में कहा गया है? इसे क्यों नहीं पूछा जाएगा? प्रश्न पूछने का उद्देश्य समझाकर लिखिए।

प्रश्न 11. काव्य खंड पर आधारित निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 40 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X2=4)

- 1 'उषा' कविता में कवि ने प्रकृति में होने वाले परिवर्तनों को रोचक शब्दों में बाँधा है। उसी प्रकार आप स्वयं को सूर्योदय की पहली किरण का दृष्टा समझते हुए अपने अनुभव साझा कीजिए। 2
- 2 'एक गीत' का रचनाकार स्वयं को थका व हारा हुआ-सा क्यों महसूस करता है? आशावादी बनने के लिए उसे क्या करना होगा? 2
- 3 क्रांति रूपी बादलों से पूँजीपति वर्ग क्यों भयभीत होता है? 'बादल राग' पाठ के आधार पर उत्तर लिखिए। 2

प्रश्न 12. गद्य खंड पर आधारित निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 60 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X3=6)

- 1 'असंतोष, तृष्णा और ईर्ष्या से घायल कर मनुष्य को सदा के लिए यह बेकार बना डाल सकता है।' उपर्युक्त पंक्ति में रेखांकित शब्द बाज़ार दर्शक को कैसे प्रभावित करते हैं? 'बाज़ार दर्शन' पाठ के आधार पर उत्तर लिखिए। 3



- 2 'शिरीष एक अद्भुत अवधूत है। दुःख हो या सुख वह हार नहीं मानता।' 3

लेखक के इस कथन को तर्कसहित स्पष्ट कीजिए। शिरीष के फूल की इस विशेषता से मिलने वाले संकेत पर प्रकाश डालिए।

- 3 कला विपरीत परिस्थितियों में भी सबल बनाती है। 'पहलवान की ढोलक' पाठ के आधार पर उदाहरण सहित स्पष्ट कीजिए। 3

प्रश्न 13. गद्य खंड पर आधारित निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 40 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X2=4)

- 1 भक्तिन पितृसत्तात्मक मान्यताओं के बीच अपने हक की लड़ाई लड़ रही थी। पाठ के आधार पर दो उदाहरण देकर इस कथन को स्पष्ट कीजिए। 2
- 2 जीजी मेंढक मंडली पर पानी फेंकने को उचित क्यों मानती थी? 'काले मेघा पानी दे' पाठ के आधार पर उत्तर लिखिए। 2
- 3 'मेरी कल्पना का आदर्श समाज' पाठ के आधार पर स्पष्ट कीजिए कि 'स्वतंत्रता और समता' से लेखक का क्या तात्पर्य है? 2

प्रश्न 14. गद्य खंड पर आधारित निम्नलिखित में से किन्हीं दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर लगभग 40 शब्दों में दीजिए। (2X2=4)

- 1 "अब तो डिजिटल ले लो एक जापानी। सस्ती मिल जाती है।" 2
उपर्युक्त कथन किसने, किसे और किस उद्देश्य से कहा? 'सित्वर वैडिंग' पाठ के आधार पर लगभग 40 शब्दों में समझाकर लिखिए।
- 2 'रोते-धोते पाठशाला फिर से शुरू हो गई।' 2
पाठशाला जाने के लिए 'रोते-धोते' शब्दों का प्रयोग क्यों किया गया है? 'जूझ' कहानी के आधार पर लगभग 40 शब्दों में वक्ता के संघर्ष के बारे में बताइए।
- 3 'विद्वानों का मानना है कि यहाँ ज्वार, बाजरा और रागी की उपज भी होती थी।' 2
'अतीत में दबे पाँव' पाठ के आधार पर रेखांकित वाक्यांश की उपयोगिता और महत्त्व लगभग 40 शब्दों में समझाकर लिखिए।



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ADDITIONAL PRACTICE QUESTIONS HISTORY (027) Class XII | 2023–24

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. Question paper comprises five Sections – **A, B, C, D and E**. There are 34 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. **Section A** – Question 1 to 21 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
3. **Section B** – Question no. 22 to 27 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60-80 words.
4. **Section C** - Question no 28 to 30 are Long Answer Type Questions, carrying 8 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 300-350 words
5. **Section D** – Question no.31 to 33 are Source based questions with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each
6. **Section-E** - Question no. 34 is Map based, carrying 5 marks that includes the identification and location of significant test items. Attach the map with the answer book.
7. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.
8. In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

SECTION A

1X21

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Suppose Lalit is one of the key leaders of the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22). A temporary setback has occurred on account of some other leaders being arrested by the police. As a practitioner of Gandhi's philosophy, what is the BEST way for Lalit to keep the movement alive in the leaders' absence?
 - (a) appoint interim leaders to take charge and continue organising protests and demonstrations
 - (b) initiate violent actions against the government to secure the release of the arrested leaders
 - (c) disband the movement permanently and seek alternative methods to address the issues
 - (d) encourage peaceful boycotts of public gatherings until leaders are released
2. There are two statements given below, marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.

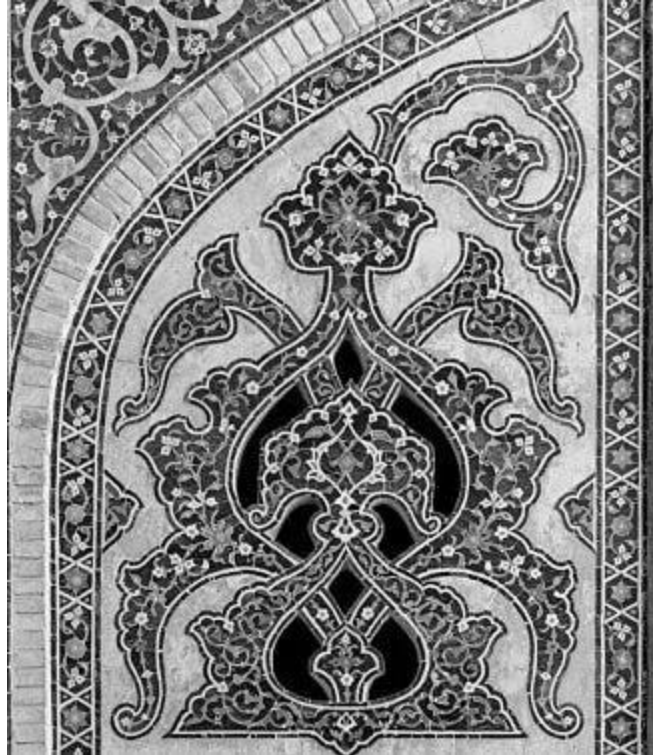
Assertion (A): The Revolt of 1857 in India was a spontaneous uprising with no clear leadership or organised strategy.

Reason (R): The participants came from diverse backgrounds and regions and lacked centralised coordination.

- (a) A is true but R is false.
(b) A is false but R is true.
(c) Both A and R are true and R explains A.
(d) Both A and R are true but R does not explain A.

3. The Satavahana Dynasty was characterised by its patronage of art and architecture, and the commissioning of grand structures that reflected their religious devotion and artistic taste. In this context, which of the following architectural styles was predominantly associated with the Satavahana Dynasty?

(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



NOTE- The following question is for the visually impaired candidates in lieu of Question number 3.

A research scholar is planning to first visit Great Stupa in Sanchi, followed by the Taj Mahal in Agra. In comparing the architectural designs of the two, which specific element will she identify a difference in?

- (a) pillars
- (b) domes
- (c) minarets
- (d) gateways

4. There are two statements given below. Read the statements and choose the correct option.

X: Varna system has usually been a subject of controversy and criticism due to its rigid and discriminatory nature.

Y: People from the 'lower-castes' often face economic limitations, making them susceptible to exploitation and being trapped in poverty.

- (a) X contradicts Y
- (b) Y is a solution to X
- (c) X and Y are unrelated
- (d) Y is a consequence of X



5. With respect to Buddhism, which of the following is/are CORRECT?

P: Buddhist written texts limit themselves to the teachings of Buddha

Q: Gautam Buddha's discourses were attended by women and children as well

R: Buddhist texts such as Dipavamsa originated on account of Buddhism spreading abroad

- (a) Only Q
- (b) Only R
- (c) Only P and Q
- (d) Only Q and R

6. The Harappan Civilisation had trade contacts with distant lands as well.

Source: NCERT

In this respect, which of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (a) Trade contacts were established with the Mediterranean region through Suez Canal.
- (b) Metal currency was the primary medium of trade exchange with distant lands.
- (c) Texts from Mesopotamia mention Harappan links with modern day Bahrain.
- (d) Most Harappan crops were obtained through trade with distant lands.

7. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered a 900-year-old Buddhist monastery in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand and an ancient Buddhist shrine, buried under a similar mound, barely 100 metres away.

Source: Indianexpress, (dated: 26 Feb, 2021)

Find the appropriate steps that should have been taken in the process of finding such historical places.

- (a) excavation, interpretation, documentation, preservation
- (b) excavation, preservation, interpretation, documentation
- (c) preservation, monitoring, documentation, restoration
- (d) restoration, preservation, excavation, discovery

8. Given below are some mature Harappan sites.

Which of the following have been CORRECTLY matched with their present-day states?

	Harappan Site	Present State
A	Rakhigarhi	Rajasthan
B	Kalibangan	Uttar Pradesh
C	Rangpur	Gujarat
D	Banawali	Haryana

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

9. Which of the following is CORRECT with respect to Ibn Battuta?

- (a) His travel in India was free of theft and other challenges.
- (b) Born in the 14th century, he wrote extensive works in Persian.
- (c) His works give great insights about how the Mughal Empire ruled India.
- (d) Future travellers read 'Rihla' written by him to gain insights about India.

10. Most of the Mahajanapadas were located in and around the plains of the river Ganga.



Accordingly, which of the following statements describes the primary reason for the Mahajanapadas to flourish in this area?"

- (a) river Ganga served as a natural barrier which provided protection from invasions
- (b) area was recognised as a low-risk natural disaster zone, ensuring safety
- (c) presence of dense forests in the region supported hunting and gathering
- (d) river Ganga provided an abundant source of fresh water for irrigation

11. Faizal wanted to become a follower of Sufism. Identify from the given traits the one which aligns with the principles of Sufism that Faizal is expected to embody.

P: compassion for fellow beings

Q: a desire for more power

R: urge to live an extravagant life

S: non-attachment from worldly affairs

- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and S
- (d) P and S

12. The statements given below are with reference to nineteenth-century India. Identify who are being described based on the description given.

- 1. They acquired many acres of land by the early nineteenth century.
- 2. They were primarily located in villages and exercised power there.
- 3. They were also active moneylenders and were dominant in parts of Bengal.

- (a) zamindars
- (b) jotedars
- (c) adhiyars
- (d) ryots

13. Santhals are a tribal group who inhabited forests in Eastern India.

Which of the following statements is applicable to the Santhals during the colonial period?

P: In the early to mid-nineteenth century they were invited to become settled agriculturalists and given land grants.

Q: By the mid-nineteenth century, their population and area under cultivation expanded.

R: They led a non-violent protest against the British who imposed heavy taxes on them.

S: They successfully got the British to fulfil their demands in 1855-56.

- (a) P and Q only
- (b) Q and R only
- (c) R and S only
- (d) P and S only

14. The 2014 excavation in Punjab uncovers a death well which was a mass grave of 200+ individuals. DNA analysis identifies remains of 1857 soldiers, providing insights into the events of 1857.

Source: *The Times Group.com*

What LIKELY conclusion can be drawn solely from this discovery?

- (a) chronology of events which led to the uprising

- (b) religious beliefs of the soldiers who fought in the revolt
- (c) types of weapons used in the first war of Independence
- (d) the political-administrative system that was in place then

15. Which of the following is the reason why travelogues are valuable for historians studying the past?

- (a) They provide a consistent and unanimous interpretation of the events in history.
- (b) They offer subjective experiences that provide a human touch to history.
- (c) They provide a definitive and unquestionable narrative of history.
- (d) They present an idealised and romanticised version of history.

16. What is absent in the provided image of the Virupaksha temple, constructed during the Vijayanagara Empire's era, in terms of its architectural components?



- (a) structure over the inner sanctum
- (b) pillared pavilion for public rituals
- (c) monumental tower at the entrance
- (d) crowning element at the top of the structure

NOTE- The following question is for the visually impaired candidates in lieu of Question number 16.

The Vijayanagara style of architecture incorporates influences from various architectural styles of different regions. Which of the following would have **LIKELY** led to this?

- P: Nurturing indigenous artistic vision
- Q: Extensive overseas trade promotion
- R: Travel and pilgrimage to neighbouring states



- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and P
- (d) all- P, Q and R

17. Given below is an English translation of a few lines from Saint Kabir's couplet.

"Do not ask about the caste of a saint, ask about their knowledge.

Evaluate the worth of a sword, let the scabbard be."

Which of the following ideas did Saint Kabir attempt to emphasise in these lines?

- (a) promoting the use of local and vernacular languages
- (b) ending social discrimination among the people
- (c) eliminating gender and economic inequalities
- (d) opposing idol worship and ritualism

18. Which of the following activities would not have occurred near a temple in the Chola kingdom?

- (a) traders involved in trade activities in the marketplace around
- (b) artists engaged in various forms of music and dance performances
- (c) people involved in devotional singing and chanting of hymns and mantras
- (d) soldiers engaged in military training activities under the guidance of their chief

19. There are two statements given below, marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.

Assertion(A): The Constituent Assembly comprised of representatives from various religions, regions, and political affiliations.

Reasoning (R): The composition of India's Constituent Assembly was crucial in building the groundwork for a democratic and inclusive country.

- (a) A is true but R is false.
- (b) A is false but R is true.
- (c) Both A and R are true and R explains A.
- (d) Both A and R are true but R does not explain A.

20. Al-Biruni, a Persian scholar who lived during the 11th century, wrote 'Kitab al-Hind,' providing a detailed account of the social, cultural, and scientific aspects of India during his visit.

Based on his observations and research, which of the following instances would he NOT have come across during his time in India?

- (a) unique Indian cuisines and culinary practices
- (b) Indian systems of trade and commerce during that time
- (c) influence of European colonial powers in certain regions
- (d) traditional Indian art forms and their significance in local culture

21. Read the lines given below from Gandhi's Speech at Benaras Hindu University, 1916.

I compare with the richly bedecked noblemen and the millions of the poor. And I feel like saying to these noble men, "There is no salvation for India unless you strip yourselves of this jewellery and hold it in trust for your countrymen in India."

Source: *Gandhi Sevagram Ashram*



What message was conveyed by Gandhiji through this statement?

- (a) adopting a capitalist economic system in India to spur economic growth and development
- (b) advocating for the complete abolition of the caste system in India to achieve social equality
- (c) calling for Indians to boycott all foreign goods to promote self-reliance and support local industries
- (d) promoting collective responsibility and urging the rich to use their resources for India's greater good

SECTION A

3X6

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

22. What are the three key points that a student of archaeology can include in her research paper regarding the possible uses of ancient seals by the Harappan civilization? 3

OR

The Harappans employed a wide range of materials for making crafts such as vessels, seals, and tools among others. Name any three such materials and the locations from where they were sourced.

23. List the challenges historians face in interpreting and analysing the limited literary sources of ancient and medieval India. 3

24. The writings of European travellers helped produce an image of India for Europeans through the printing and circulation of their books. Later, after 1750, when Indians like Shaikh Itisamuddin and Mirza Abu Talib visited Europe and confronted this image that Europeans had of their society, they tried to influence it by producing their own version of matters.

Source: NCERT

Analyse the possible reasons for the skewed understanding of India by the Europeans. 3

25. The characteristic features of the Vijayanagar Kingdom can be discovered from the temples constructed during that time. Substantiate with examples. 3

26. Assess the impact of the British-introduced Permanent Settlement of 1793 on the powers of zamindars and the emergence of the jotedars. 3

27. "The Azamgarh Proclamation not only sheds light on the politics of the time but also shows that the struggle for freedom in India transcended religion." Comment. 3

Source: Indian Culture Portal

OR

During the 1857 rebellion, gender barriers dissolved alongside religious ones. Hundreds of women fought the British and many were even in commanding roles.

Source: timesofindia.com

Comment on the different roles that women took on during the 1857 rebellion.

SECTION C

3 x 8 = 24

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

28. Studying how families were connected in early societies is essential for understanding how they lived together, who was related to whom, and how they organised their daily lives. Justify the statement. 8

OR



How did differences in resource access affect the social status and roles of men and women in early Indian societies?

29. Explain the effectiveness of the Panchayat system during the Mughal era and how it contributed to governance and administration during that time. 8

OR

Outline four policies of the Mughal empire that contributed to the growth of agriculture.

30. What were the unique characteristics or circumstances that made the Quit India Movement more intense and impactful than the preceding movements for independence in India? 8

OR

Discuss the factors that led to salt becoming a unifying symbol during India's struggle for independence.

SECTION D

3 x 4 = 12

SOURCE BASED QUESTIONS

31. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Buddhist Stupa is an architectural structure characterised by a solid, hemispherical dome that cannot be entered. Initially serving as a memorial mound for holy individuals, Emperor Ashoka commissioned the construction of stupas throughout his empire to pay homage to Lord Buddha. These stupas were built to enshrine relics such as bones, teeth, and hair. Originally made of bricks and surrounded by wooden railings, the stupas eventually transitioned to stone enclosures.

In addition to the dome, the stupa evolved to include a base, which could be circular or square, as well as a circumambulatory path and a stone railing with elegantly carved gateways in the four cardinal directions. At the top of the dome, the wooden umbrella that symbolised the presence of the Lord or his disciples' remains was replaced by the Harmika. The Harmika consists of a square Buddhist railing from which a shaft rises, supporting an imperial umbrella. Over time, the number of umbrellas increased, with each one decreasing in size as they ascended.

Source (edited): ccrt.gov.in

(i) Emperor Ashoka commissioned the construction of stupas throughout his empire to pay homage to Lord Buddha. Explain the significance of this decision in one point. 1

(ii) Describe how the purpose of the Buddhist Stupa evolved from its original purpose over time. 2

(iii) How do Buddhist stupas contribute to the preservation of cultural heritage? 1

32. Read the following excerpt carefully and answer the questions that follow.

'During the Vijayanagara rule between 1350 and 1650, the rulers sought support from Vaishnava sectarian leaders in Tamil Nadu to establish control over the region. Temples played a fundamental role in sustaining kingship, and sectarian leaders acted as intermediaries between kings and temples. While local sectarian groups managed temple affairs, the king had administrative authority to resolve disputes. The rulers supported temple construction through grants and resources, leading to the development of a distinct agrarian economy under their rule, reinforcing their authority.'

Source (edited): egyptankosh.ac.in



- (i) State two reasons for the Vijayanagara ruler to seek the support of Vaishnava sectarian leaders from Tamil Nadu?

2

- (ii) How did temples play a fundamental role in sustaining kingship during the Vijayanagara rule?

2

33. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow:

'Gandhi, along with other nationalists, was deeply angered by the Rowlatt Act. In February 1919, he established the Satyagraha Sabha, a group of individuals who pledged to defy the Act and willingly face arrest and imprisonment. While the nationalist movement, led by moderates or extremists, had previously focused on agitation, Satyagraha elevated the struggle to a new and more significant level. It transformed the National Congress into an organisation dedicated to political action. Gandhi urged nationalist activists to engage with rural communities, believing that India's liberation would only be achieved when the masses were awakened from their apathy and actively participated in politics.'

Source (edited): Bipin Chandra, Modern India

- (i) What was the significance of Gandhi's founding of the Satyagraha Sabha in response to the Rowlatt Act in 1919? 1
- (ii) Gandhi believed that India's salvation depended on the active participation of the masses in politics. Explain. 2
- (iii) Compare the approaches of the nationalist movement under moderate and extremist leadership prior to Satyagraha. 1

SECTION E

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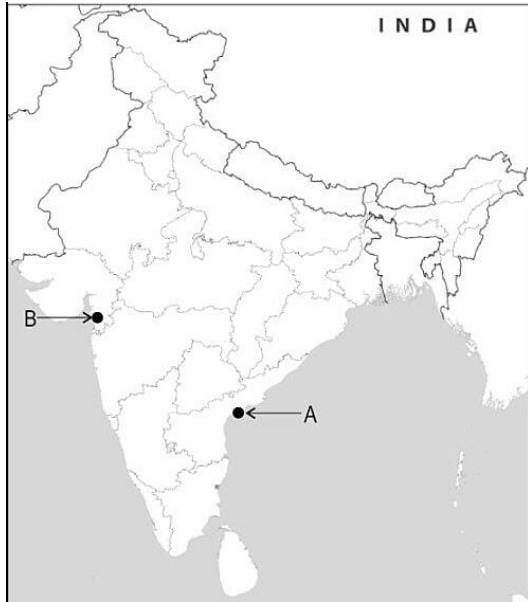
MAP BASED QUESTION

34.1 On the given political map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols: 3

- Kalibangan, a Harappan site
 - Calicut, where Abdur Razzaq was sent as an ambassador by the ruler of Persia
 - Sarnath, where Gautam Buddha taught his first sermon
- OR
- Taxila, an ancient learning centre

34.2 On the same outline map, two places have been marked as A and B, which were Indian territories under British control in 1857.

Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them. 2



The following questions are for the Visually Impaired Candidates only.

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| 34.1 (i) Mention any 2 features of Harappan town planning | 1 |
| (ii) Name any one of the sixteen Mahajanapadas. | 1 |
| (iii) Where is Virupaksha temple located? | 1 |
| 34.2 Mention any two centres of the Revolt of 1857. | 2 |



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ADDITIONAL PRACTICE QUESTIONS GEOGRAPHY (029) Class XII | 2023–24

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum marks: 70

General Instructions:

1. This question paper contains **30** questions. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. This question paper is divided into five sections. Sections-A, B, C, D and E.
3. **Section A** - Question number **1 to 17** are Multiple Choice type questions carrying 1 mark each.
4. **Section B**- Question number **18 and 19** are Source based questions carrying 3 marks each.
5. **Section C**- Question number **20 to 23** are Short Answer type questions carrying 3 marks each. Answer to these questions shall be written in 80 to 100 words.
6. **Section D**- Question number **24 to 28** are Long Answer type questions carrying 5 marks each. Answer to these questions shall be written in 120 to 150 words.
7. **Section E**- Question number **29 and 30** are Map based questions.

SECTION A

1x17=17

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. There are two statements given below, marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option. 1

Assertion (A): There is a positive correlation between per capita income and human development.

Reason (R): Higher-income individuals are comparatively more motivated, which leads to better life choices.

- (a) A is true but R is false.
- (b) A is false but R is true.
- (c) Both A and R are true and R explains A.
- (d) Both A and R are true but R does not explain A.

2. The following are events on the right side of the table that are associated with the demographic transition theory. Match them with the different stages of the transition stage listed on the left side.



	stages of demographic transition		events related to each stage
1	transition from stage 1 to stage 2	P	The death rate declines due to improved healthcare.
2	transition from stage 2 to stage 3	Q	Population growth increases.
3	transition from stage 3 to stage 4	R	Population growth slows down.
4	stage 4	S	The fertility rate declines due to increased access to education and contraception.

- (a) 1 - R, 2 - Q, 3 - S, 4 - P
(b) 1 - Q, 2 - S, 3 - R, 4 - P
(c) 1 - P, 2 - Q, 3 - S, 4 - R
(d) 1 - Q, 2 - S, 3 - P, 4 - R

3. Read the following quote and answer the following question.

"Having the same currency, the eleven countries are likely to enlarge their mutual trade"

Source: Brookings Institution

Which of the following regional trade blocks is the above information discussing?

- (a) EU (European Union)
(b) OPEC (Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries)
(c) NAFTA (North American Free Trade Association)
(d) ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations)

4. Read the following statements and answer the question that follows.

Statement 1 - Increased cropping intensity has created more employment opportunities in the agricultural sector.

Statement 2 - Severe groundwater depletion over the years has adversely affected the cropping intensity in India.

Which of the following is correct?

- (a) Only statement I is correct
(b) Only statement II is correct
(c) Both statements are true but not related to each other
(d) Both the statements are correct, and statement II correctly explains statement I

5. Given below are some indicators of the Human Development Index (HDI).

	Indicators	Meanings
P	Gross Enrollment Ratio	the ratio of students enrolled in a specific education level to the total country's student population
Q	Life Expectancy at Birth	the average number of years a person is expected to live after reaching the age of 65
R	Per Capita Income	the average income earned by a person in a given area
S	Adult Literacy Rate	the percentage of the population aged 15 years and over who can both read and write

Which of these indicators are matched with their correct meanings on the right?



- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and S
- (d) S and P

6. Why is the work participation rate generally higher in underdeveloped or developing nations?

- (a) Underdeveloped nations often rely heavily on labour-intensive industries, leading to a higher demand for the labour force.
- (b) Underdeveloped nations have a higher population density, resulting in more people seeking employment opportunities.
- (c) Developing nations have a greater emphasis on leisure and less inclination towards workforce participation.
- (d) Developing nations have well-established social welfare programs that discourage workforce participation.

7. Which economic policies should a nation adopt to increase its share in the international market?

- P) imposing high import tariffs to protect domestic industries
- Q) focusing on bilateral trade agreements with neighbouring countries
- R) encouraging export-oriented manufacturing in various economic zones
- S) reducing trade quotas and opening up the economy to foreign investments

- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and S
- (d) P and S

8. XYZ is a non-profit organisation that works in the field of assessment research and educational technology. It is involved in conducting research related to educational assessments, developing educational technology tools, and providing solutions to improve the quality of education and learning outcomes.

Which of the following operations should it take up to create an additional KPO (knowledge processing outsourcing)?

- (a) Data entry and transcription services
- (b) Manufacturing and production services
- (c) Customer support and call centre services
- (d) Curriculum development and instructional design

9. What kind of farming does the image given below DEFINITELY depict?



- (a) market gardening
- (b) collective farming
- (c) factory farming
- (d) truck farming

10. Read the two statements given below and select the correct option.

S1: Roadways are one of the most widely used modes of transportation all across the world.

S2: Roadways offer the best last-mile connectivity for short distances.

- (a) S1 is the cause of S2
- (b) S2 is true but S1 is false.
- (c) S2 is a contributing factor to S1.
- (d) S1 and S2 are independent of each other.

11. Given below are the steps involved in the formation of crude petroleum.

(I) Sediment is subjected to heat and pressure over millions of years.

(II) Dead plants and animals are buried under layers of sediment.

(III) The hydrocarbons are trapped in porous rocks.

(IV) Crude petroleum is extracted from the rocks.

(V) The organic matter is converted into hydrocarbons.

Arrange these steps in the correct order of formation.

- (a) II - I - V - III - IV
- (b) II - V - I - III - IV
- (c) I - II - III - V - IV
- (d) I - III - II - IV - V

12. A recent study by Eos News magazine observed that timely and efficient weather forecasting could greatly improve the benefits of rainwater harvesting, which can result in controlling urban floods to an extent.

Accordingly, how do rainwater harvesting methods help control urban flooding?

- (a) by altering weather patterns and reducing the intensity of rainfall
- (b) by creating a barrier against floodwaters and protecting urban infrastructure
- (c) by diverting excess rainwater to nearby rivers and preventing floodwater accumulation

(d) by creating additional storage capacity and reducing the pressure on stormwater drainage systems

13. Observe the following map of India with the North-South and East-West highway projects marked on it.



Accordingly, which of the following statements about these corridors is DEFINITELY correct?

- (a) North-South and East-West corridors intersect in the national capital.
- (b) Kochi is one of the terminal stations of the North-South corridor in the south.
- (c) The East-West corridor connects the easternmost point to the westernmost point of India.
- (d) The length of the East-West corridor exceeds the length of the North-South corridor.

14. 'Subduction (sinking of land) in parts of Haryana, Punjab, and Delhi is as high as 7-12 cm a year. . . . Over time when the underlying aquifers (deep channels that store percolated



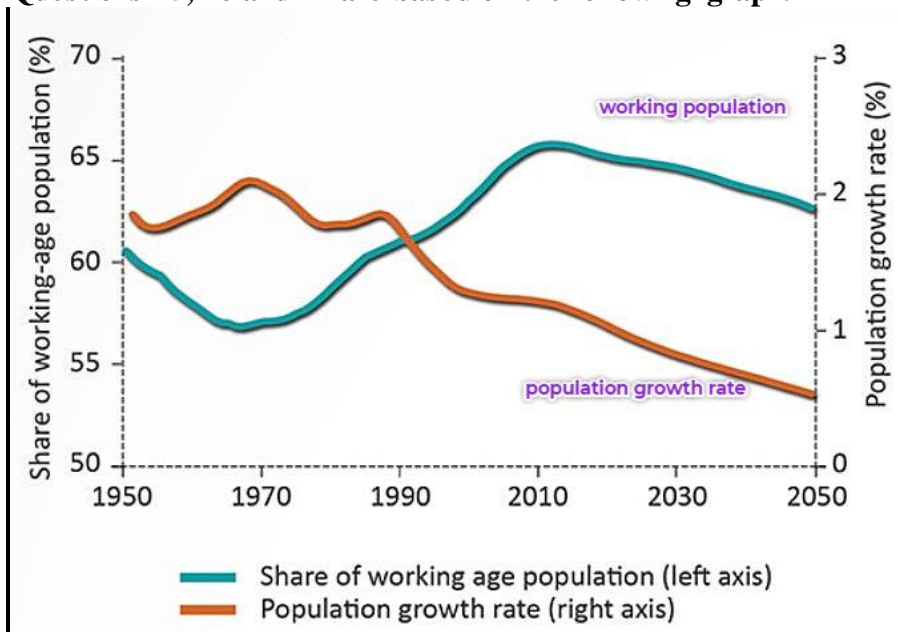
water) aren't recharged, they run dry and the layers of soil and rock above them start to sink . . . but a reversal is possible if aquifers are left to charge.'

Source (edited): *The Hindu*

Based on this information, what is the MOST LIKELY cause behind the issue highlighted in the news piece?

- (a) excessive rainwater causing floods leading to soil erosion and land sinking
- (b) increased urbanisation and construction activities leading to land sinking
- (c) natural geological processes causing land sinking in certain regions
- (d) extensive water extraction for irrigation use causing land sinking

Questions 15, 16 and 17 are based on the following graph.



15. Which of the following can be inferred from the graph?

- (a) the population is increasing fast but ageing slowly
- (b) the population is increasing slowly but ageing fast
- (c) the population is stagnant and ageing fast
- (d) the population is increasing as well as ageing slowly

16. Which of the following challenges are MOST LIKELY to arise soon due to, the trends depicted in the graph?

- P: decreased investment in education and skill development
- Q: decreased economic growth due to rising unemployment issues
- R: increased strain on healthcare systems and social welfare programs
- S: increased burden on the working-age population to support the elderly

- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R



- (c) R and S
- (d) P and S

17. If this situation exists in country X, which of the following should be encouraged by X to promote sustainable economic growth in all sectors?

- (a) promoting open immigration policies to facilitate the entry of foreign workers
- (b) promoting technological advancements to automate tasks and increase productivity
- (c) implementing policies to increase the retirement age and reduce social security benefits
- (d) encouraging the emigration of elderly citizens to alleviate the strain on social welfare systems

The following questions are for Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 15,16 and 17.

15.1. To calculate the population density of region X, which of the following factors will be directly or indirectly taken into account?

P: total number of people who moved (immigrated) into the region
Q: total number of people who moved out (emigrated) of the region
R: total number of people who died in the region in the given year
S: total number of people who were born in the region in the given year

- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and S
- (d) P and S

16.1. According to Malthusian theory, what would happen if an exponentially growing population exceeds its limit?

P: The population will stabilise at a sustainable level.
Q: The government will implement strict birth control measures.
R: The population will experience a decrease in their living standards.
S: The availability of resources will become insufficient to support the population.

- (a) P and Q
- (b) Q and R
- (c) R and S
- (d) P and S

17.1. India recently outnumbered China in population growth.

Which of the following is **MOST LIKELY** the reason behind this growth?

- (a) India's GDP per capita is lower than China's.
- (b) India has a higher life expectancy than China.
- (c) India's fertility rate is still higher than China's.
- (d) India has a higher infant mortality rate than China.

SECTION B

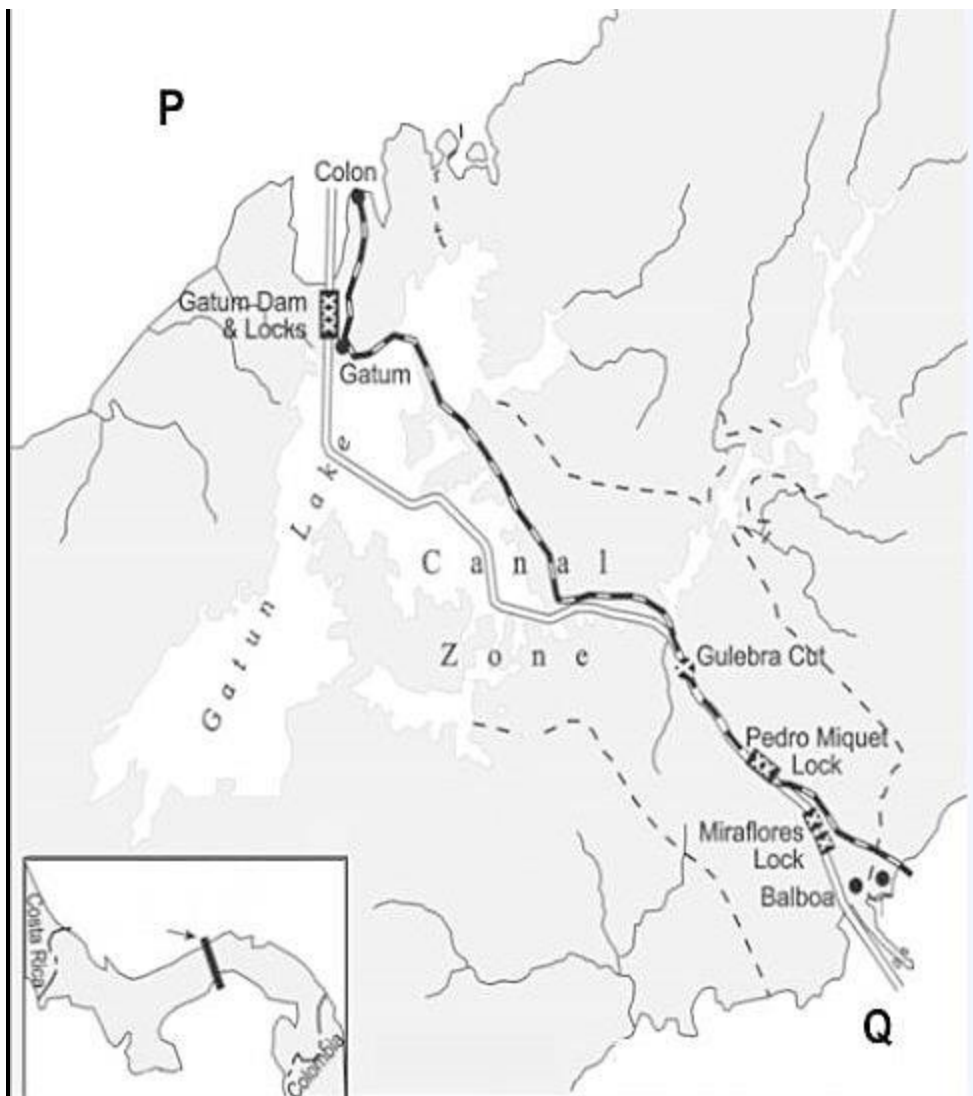
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18. 'A city's space will only get scarcer and more stretched, and therefore a Smart City should prioritise more of its spaces for shared use than for a single individual. A Smart City should prioritise public spaces over private spaces. Sprawling individual houses in a city are more resource inefficient than community housing complexes.'

Source (edited): *The Wire*

- What fundamental aim drives the mission mentioned above? (1)
- Discuss two ways to achieve resource efficiency in such Smart Cities as suggested in the excerpt. (2)

19. Observe the map of the region between North and South America given below and answer the questions that follow.



- Identify the man-made waterway depicted in the image. (1)
- Name the water bodies marked as P and Q. (1)



C) How does this waterway contribute to environmental preservation? (1)

The following questions are for Visually Impaired Candidates ONLY in lieu of question no. 19. (3)

- A) Name the man-made waterway constructed by the U.S. government that divides North and South America.
- B) Which two large bodies of water does this waterway connect?
- C) Highlight how this waterway contributes to environmental preservation?

SECTION C

3X4=12

Question numbers 20 to 23 are Short Answer type questions (80-100 words responses)

20. 'Human growth and human development are two terms which are often used interchangeably to express progress. However, the truth is that there is an enormous difference...'

Source (edited): tribuneindia

Explain two key differences between the terms mentioned above and justify the difference with a practical example.

OR

Bhutan, despite its smaller size and national income compared to India, ranks higher on the Human Development Index. Explain the possible reason behind this.

21. 'If development is not engendered, it is endangered.'

Source: HDR UNDP 1995

Explain this quote in the context of the Government of India's initiative 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan'.

22. When attempting to create opportunities in nature through human modifications, what environmental considerations should individuals take into account to reduce adverse impacts? (3)

OR

Answer the following questions with respect to the evolution of Geography as a discipline:

a) In the 1970s, why was there discontentment with the quantitative revolution in Geography, which aimed to bring more scientific rigour and mathematical modelling to geographic research? (1)

b) How did this discontentment influence the further approaches to the discipline in the years ahead? Explain the transition with an example. (2)

23. 'Outsourcing is coming to those countries where cheap and skilled workers are available. These are also the out-migrating countries.'

Source (edited): NCERT

Examine the above statement in the Indian context. (3)



SECTION D

5x5=25

Question numbers 24 to 28 are Long Answer Type questions (120 to 150 words responses).

24. How does the nature of agricultural practices in a country evolve as the country undergoes economic development over time? Elucidate in the context of India. (5)

25. Identify the following statements as True or False and state the reasons behind your response. (5)

a) Integrated Tribal Development Project in Bharmaur Region is an example of the transition of the geographical theories of environmental determinism to possibilism. (0.5 + 2)

b) In the Indira Gandhi Canal (Nahar) Command Area, five out of the seven implementation measures aim to promote ecological sustainability in these areas. This illustrates a shift from neo-determinism to environmental determinism in geographical theories. (0.5 + 2)

26. In what ways do the disparities in metropolitan cities continue to widen and exacerbate (become worse) over time?

Elaborate your answer along these points:

- infrastructure
- social services and amenities
- economic inequality
- education and healthcare
- immigration

OR

Describe human activities that can degrade and transform fertile land into barren wasteland. (5)

27. XYZ is a logistics company that provides courier services to customers. It is not dependent on any specific natural resources or labour skills that are only available in a certain location.

List five reasons that classify XYZ as an example of a footloose industry.

OR

How has the rise of high-tech industries changed the landscape of global manufacturing? (5)

28. Describe the process of establishment of international trade routes in India with respect to the following timeline:

- the advent of the British
- partition of India
- establishment of new ports



OR

List any five ways that India has adopted since independence to increase its share in international trade. (5)

SECTION E

Question numbers 29 & 30 are Map based questions having 5 sub-parts each.

29. On the given political map of the world, seven geographical locations have been marked as A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

Identify any five with the help of the following information and write their correct names on the lines drawn near each marked location.

- A. an important seaport in Australia
- B. an important inland waterway
- C. a region of nomadic herding in Eurasia
- D. a region of extensive commercial grain agriculture
- E. an international airport in South America
- F. an area of commercial livestock rearing
- G. an important seaport in North America

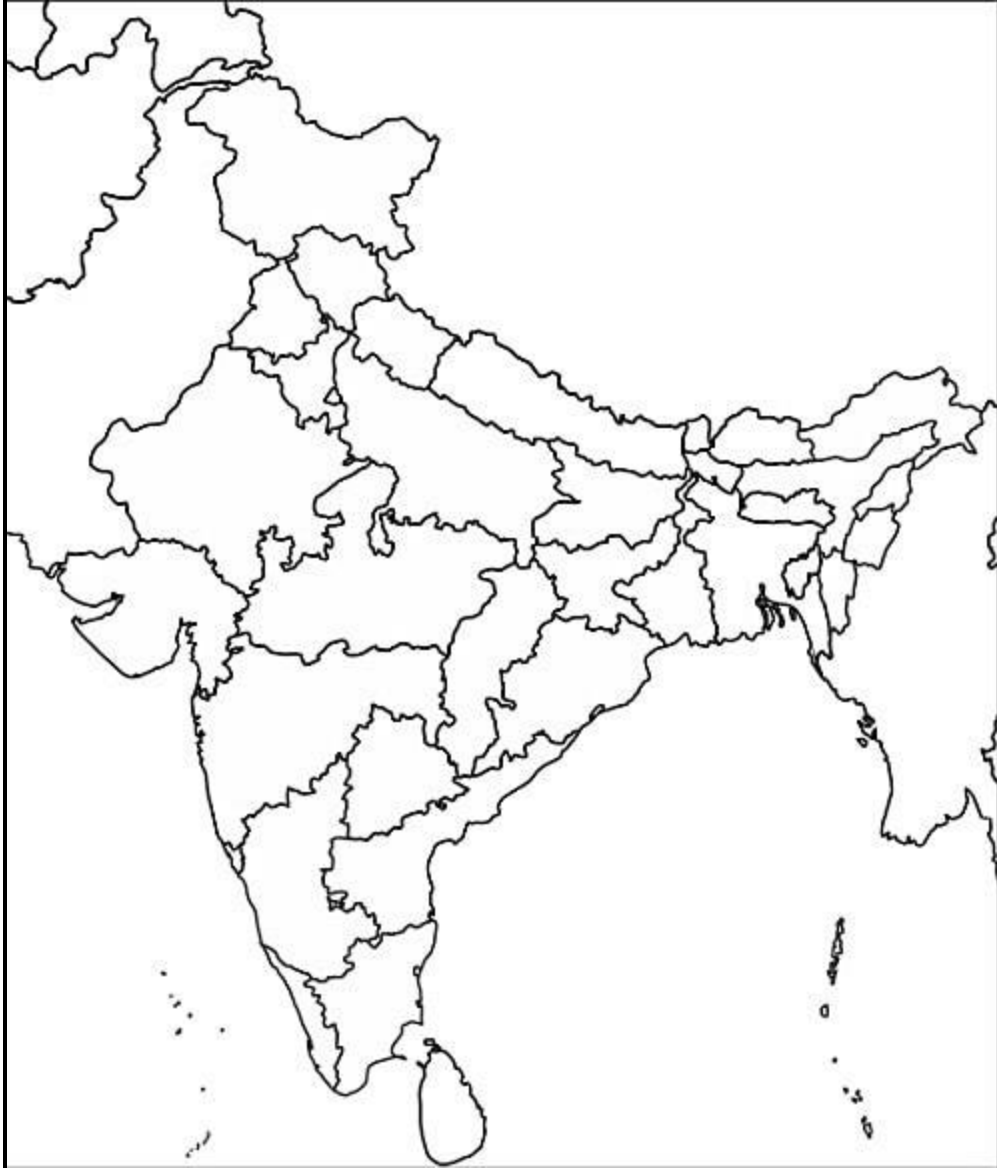
The following questions are for Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Question No.29.

Answer any five questions out of the following.

- a. Name an important seaport in Australia.
- b. Name the area of nomadic herding in Eurasia.
- c. Name an important seaport in Canada in North America.
- d. Name an international airport in Argentina in South America.
- e. Name a country of commercial livestock rearing near Australia.
- f. Name an important inland waterway between Europe and Asia.
- g. Name a region of extensive commercial grain agriculture in South Africa.

30. Locate and label any five of the following geographical locations on the political outline map of India with appropriate symbols.

- a. the state with the lowest population density
- b. an international airport in Punjab
- c. an important seaport in Karnataka
- d. an oil refinery in Uttar Pradesh
- e. an important coal mine in West Bengal
- f. Koraput - Bauxite mines
- g. a state leading in the production of sugarcane



The following questions are for visually impaired students in lieu of Question No.30. Attempt any five.

- a. Name the oil refinery in Uttar Pradesh.
- b. Name the international airport in Punjab.
- c. Name an important seaport in Karnataka.
- d. Name an important coal mine in West Bengal.
- e. Name in which Koraput Bauxite mines are located.
- f. Name the leader state in the production of sugarcane.
- g. Name the state with the lowest population density in India.