

Time: 3 Hrs.

MM: 80

Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

Section - A

Q. 1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage. (Any ten) (10)

Floods are not new to India and this sub- continent. In recent years the problem has received much greater attention because it has led to much greater damage than in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time to minimize the damage. In the case of India, flooding is very much a function of the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period during the year and often bring so much volume of rain that it cannot be absorbed by the earth. Flooding is not confined only to the main rivers of the country, often smaller tributaries and streams can cause heavy damage as well. One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration, but far more intensive. Climate change is the result of human actions through the increased concentration of green house gases in the atmosphere, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent.

Question:

1. Which word in the passage means 'about to happen'?
2. Which word in the passage means 'small rivers that flow into larger rivers'?
3. What is the noun form of 'prominent'?
4. Which part of speech is the word 'minimize'?
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
5. What is the main cause of flooding in India?
6. What have some scientists anticipated?
7. What causes climate change?
8. Noticeable, outstanding, remarkable, salient, and striking are the synonyms of a word in the passage. Find out the word.
9. Choose the correct alternative- The process of a liquid, gas or other substance being taken in is called
(a) absorption (b) absorbtion
(c) observation (d) ovulation
10. Why do scientists heave a sigh of relief?
11. Why does the earth fail to absorb rain water?

Q. 2 Read the following passage and answers the questions. (Any 8) (8)

Newspaper reading habit not only creates a habit of reading but also opens the doors to self improvement. The practice of reading a newspaper has been associated with improvement in students' attitudes towards reading overall. Therefore, a case study was conducted at the Apex College, Mumbai to identify the newspaper reading habits of the college professionals (Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D students)

The specific purpose of the study was to study thoroughly the reading habits of the 21st century Apex professionals in the college with the aim to identify their reading attitudes, purposes and tastes. The data was collected using the questionnaire method. A total of 200 questionnaires were distributed among the professionals and 143 filled-in questionnaires were obtained from the respondents. The collected information was tabulated by using statistical method table and percentage which is given below

| Gender | No. of Questionnaire distributed | No of Questionnaire received | Percentage of Questionnaire received (of 143) |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Male | 80 | 63 | 44.06% |
| Female | 120 | 80 | 55.94% |
| Total | 200 | 143 | 100.00% |

Question:

1. What was the purpose of the case study conducted at Apex College, Mumbai?
2. How is reading newspaper helpful for us?
3. Which method was adopted by the Apex Professionals for the data collection?
4. What is the noun form of 'identify'?
5. Who were the Apex professionals who conducted the case study?
6. How many Questionnaires were distributed among the professionals? How many were received?
7. Supply one word for 'a research instrument that consists of a set of questions'?
8. A period of one hundred years is called a
9. How many candidates did not submit the questionnaire?

Q. 3 Read the following passage and make notes on it. Give a suitable title and summary too.

Leadership does not exist without followership. A leader has to be accepted by the group which the former is supposed to lead. To gain acceptability the leader should gain faith of the group. The strength of character exhibited by leaders makes them dear to their followers. A leader is one who effectively inspires followers to achieve worthwhile things. What character of the leader motivates the followers? It is not pomp and show nor flattery nor sanctioning more incentives. Flattery is unrealistic and cannot serve as a long term motivational tool. Simplicity is the key to leadership. When the leader is simple, he is counted as one belonging to the group. That's enough to motivate people. A leader needs to assume the role of the guide. He has to have a positive attitude, knowledge, good communication skills and confidence. The leader shapes people and moulds character. To achieve this, the leader should maintain equanimity. It is keeping oneself poised and balanced at all times.

Question:

1. Make notes on the basis of comprehension of the passage. Supply a suitable title. (5)
2. Write a short summary in your own words. (3)

Q. 4 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative (Any four) (4)

- 1) My brother is S.D.M.
(a) an (b) a (c) the (d) none
- 2) Will you please give me money
(a) some (b) any (c) much (d) many
- 3) Mohan was very tired, so he to bed early.
(a) go (b) went (c) gone (d) goes
- 4) The match Our team is playing well.
(a) start (b) starting (c) has started (d) is starting

- 5) They listened to the joke and to laugh.
(a) begin (b) beginning (c) to begin (d) began

Q. 5 Do as directed: (any four)

(4)

1. He saved money. His aim was to buy a new car. (Combine the sentences into one using to + infinitive)
2. They supported me. (Change into Negative)
3. Hari is playing cricket. (Change the Voice)
4. If he does not take taxi, he will miss the train. (Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'if')
5. The /won/have/they/match. (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

Q. 6 Read the extract and answer the questions based on them.

The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling,
Each one holding one of my mother's hands,
And she big girl – some twelve years or so.
All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,
My mother's that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.

Questions

1. Who is the big girl referred here? (1)
(a) Shirley Toulson (b) Shirley Toulson's mother
(c) Shirley Toulson's cousin (d) Shirley Toulson's daughter
2. Who was there to click the photograph? (1)
(a) Shirley Toulson's (b) The uncle
(c) Shirley Toulson's cousin sister (d) Shirley Toulson's friend
3. Pick out the odd one. (1)
(a) Temporary (b) Transient
(c) Short-lived (d) Permanent

Or

And who art thou? said I to the soft - falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as her translated :
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea.....

Questions:

1. The name of the poem is -
(a) A Photograph (b) The Laburnum Top
(c) The Voice of the Rain (d) Father to Son
2. Who is the 'Poem of Earth'?
(a) Rain (b) Shower
(c) Voice (d) Sea
3. What is the verb form of 'stranger'?
(a) strange (b) estrange
(c) estrangement (d) estranging

Q 7 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

The next morning she was taken ill. It was a mild fever and the doctor told us that she would be well soon. But my grandmother thought differently. She told us that her end was near. She had a few hours to live. A few hours before the close of the last chapter of her life she had omitted to pray. She wanted to pray but did not want to waste any more time talking to us.

1. What did the grandmother say about herself? (1)
(a) She said that her end was near. (b) She did not say anything.
(c) She said that she would be well soon. (d) none of the above
2. What did she want to do only a few hours before the closure of the last chapter of her life? (1)
(a) She wanted to sleep. (b) She wanted to talk with her family members.
(c) She wanted to make a will. (d) She wanted to pray
3. What was the doctor's opinion about grandmother's illness? (1)
(a) She would be well soon. (b) He could not understand her illness
(c) She would never be well soon. (d) She was not ill at all.

Or

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question based on it.

A wonderful old tale is told about the painter Wu Daozi, who lived in the eight century. His last painting was a landscape commissioned by the Tang Emperor Xuanzong, to decorate a palace wall. The master had hidden his work behind a screen, so only the emperor would see it. For a long while, the emperor admired the wonderful scene, discovering forests, high mountains, waterfalls, clouds floating in an immense sky, men on hilly paths, birds in flight

1. Who is the tale about?
(a) A painter (b) A doctor
(c) A minister (d) A farmer
2. What was the name of the painter?
(a) M.F. Hussain (b) Xuanzong
(c) Leonardo da Vinci (d) Wu Daozi
3. What scenes did Wu Daozi paint in his last painting?
(a) High mountains (b) Waterfalls
(c) Clouds floating in an immense sky (d) All the above

Q. 8 Answer the following questions. (Any six) (6)

1. Which among these does not describe the grandmother in "the Portrait of a Lady"?
(a) Silver locks (b) Puckered face
(c) Pale face (d) Rosy cheeks
2. What does seclusion mean?
(a) The state of being away from people (b) The state of being secular
(c) An illusion (d) A destination
3. From where did the ship sail for the voyage in 'We Are Not Afraid to Die'?
(a) America (b) Germany
(c) Plymouth, England (d) Mexico
4. What were the names of the two crewmen whom the author hired?
(a) Herb Seigler and Shelly Cooper (b) Larry Vigil and Adam Moore
(c) Shelly and Cabil (d) Larry Vigil and Herb Seigler

5. In 'Landscape of the Soul' what happened when the painter entered the cave?
(a) The painting vanished (b) Emperor fell down
(c) Nothing happened (d) The painter fainted
6. In 'Landscape of the Soul' why did the father not approve of the love of his daughter and the blacksmith?
(a) Due to his caste (b) Due to his profession
(c) Due to his appearance (d) None of the above
7. In 'The Portrait of a lady' which animal did the grandmother use to feed in the village?
(a) Dogs (b) Sparrows
(c) Cats (d) Cows

Q. 9 (A) Answer the following questions. (Any one) (2)

- i. Who was the "untutored genius who created a paradise" and what is the nature of his contribution to art?
- ii. What was the routine of the author in village when he lived with his grandmother?

(B) Answer the following questions: (Any one) (2)

- i. What does the following line mean?
'Both wry at the labored ease of loss.....'
- ii. In the poem 'The Voice of the Rain' what does the rain tell about herself?

Q.10 Answer the following questions (Any two in about 60 words)

1. Why did the grandmother keep one hand on her waist?
2. What happened when Wudaozi clap his hands?
3. Who was the "untutored genius who created a paradise and what is the nature of his contribution to art? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

Q.11- Answer the following from prose (Any one in about 100 words) (5)

1. Who were Larry and Herb? What role did they play?
2. What is the concept of Shanshui? What do mountain and water represent?

Q.12- Explain 'The sea holiday was her past, mine is her laughter.' (5)

Or

What will happen if it doesn't rain?

Q.13- (A) Water supply will be suspended for eight hours (From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on 8th of February for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Lokesh Agrawal / Ankita Shukla, Secretary, The Ultimate English City M.P. Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) (3)

Or

You are Shikha / Shekhar, the Head Girl/ Boy of Vijaya International School, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal, (M.P.) Your school is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. Write a notice for the notice board of your school inviting students to submit their write-ups

{B} You are Neha Shrivastava. You feel disturbed when you see cruelty against animals. Design a poster to make people aware that it is our duty to feed and protect animals. (3)

Or

You are making an effort to spread the message of communal harmony. Prepare a poster with catchy slogans to be displayed in the school premises.

Q. 14 You are Arun Mehla, a resident of A-11, Drishti Enclave, JP Road, Indore (M.P.) You are troubled by the nuisance caused by the loudspeakers in you locality. Write a letter of complaint to the District Collector. (5)

Or

You are Monica Khanna, residing at 54, Abhinav City Homes, Ayodhya Bypass Road, Bhopal, (M.P.) Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to refrain from smoking and bad company.

Q. 15 Write a paragraph in about 120-150 words (any one) (5)

(A)

1. Problem of Pollution
2. Importance of Trees
3. Price Distribution Day in Our School.
4. Importance of Games and sports

Or

(B) Write a paragraph on 'Covid-19' using the following inputs:

A global threat

Outbreak in China

Lockdown and quarantine period

Use of mask and hand sanitizer

Social Distancing.

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