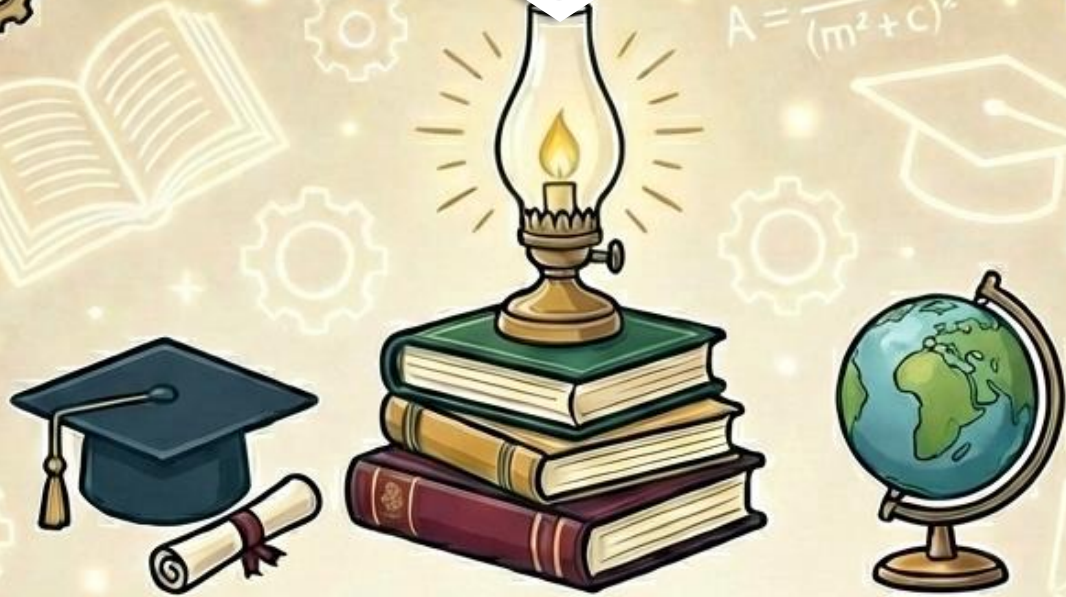




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PREVIOUS YEARS' QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



APRIL-2025

Your Path to Success

PART - A SECTION - A : READING

Once upon a time, there was a piece of paper. It could do all sorts of cool things like bend, flex, fold and even turn into a paper plane. The children loved playing with it! They would draw on it, cut it out, make shapes, make a boat with it. But one day, the paper found itself old and wrinkled. It was too used up for the kids to keep playing with. Before it knew what was going on, it found itself stuck at the bottom of the trash can. It was sent out to the big dumpster where some men came and picked it up.

The little piece of paper was thrown into the truck with all the other papers who were old, wrinkled and quite grumpy. The journey was bumpy and windy-too long for such a tired piece of paper. It went from light to dark, from wind to rain. It was grabbed at and squished, and finally thrown onto conveyor with the rest of the papers. It quickly got sorted and pushed, and moved around. The poor little piece of paper could do very little in its weak a condition. Then it was crushed back into a thin piece of paper.

"Hu Hmm", it thought, "that's not so bad." Then it saw the slicer! And the crusher! The paper tried to run. It was too late. The crusher and the ripper sucked it in with the rest of the papers. The paper closed its eyes. Slowly it blinked. And realized that it was perfectly quiet. Even a bit sunny. Looking around, the paper realised it was sitting next to a batch of fresh paper. It looked down at itself. Completely clean, smooth with a fresh coat of bleach! Then bending over to examine the rest of itself, to see what was going on, it noticed a fine watermark on its back "What is this?" it wondered "A recycled logo!"

Q1. Based on your understanding of the above passage, write True or False :

(i) The children loved playing with the paper.

Answer - True

(ii) The people burned the paper when it became old and wrinkled.

Answer - False (It was thrown into the trash can, sent to the dumpster, picked up by men, taken to a truck, sorted, crushed, and recycled.)

(iii) When the paper was recycled it had a recycled logo on its back.

Answer - True



Q2. Answer the following questions in one word.

(i) Where were all the old and wrinkled papers thrown ?

Answer - Truck

(ii) A fresh coat of what did the clean and smooth paper get ?

Answer - Bleach

(iii) What did the paper find on its back when it examined itself ?

Answer - Recycled Logo

Q3. Pick out the correct word as instructed from the above passage : Opposite of 'young'

(A) dark

(B) old

(C) cool

(D) trash

Answer - (B) Old



SECTION - B : WRITING



Q4. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below:

You are Pranav, a resident of Pune. Since you are concerned about the increasing number of Road Accidents you decide to write a letter to the Editor of your local daily.

Choose the correct alternatives of the following questions :

(i) Select the appropriate subject for this letter.

- (A) Concern Regarding Increased Number of Road Accidents.
- (B) Concern about the decrease in road accidents.
- (C) Road accidents are rarely found now-a-days.
- (D) Road accidents are inevitable.

Answer - (A) Concern Regarding Increased Number of Road Accidents.

(ii) You will mention the road accidents occur:

- (A) as a result of careful hurried driving.
- (B) as a result of reckless and hurried driving.
- (C) as a result of slow and careful driving.
- (D) as a result of slow and reckless driving.

Answer - (B) as a result of reckless and hurried driving.

(iii) While driving youngsters are :

- (A) neither bothered about the rules of the road nor about the safety.
- (B) very careful about road rules.
- (C) very careful about their safety.
- (D) always listening to loud music.

Answer - (A) neither bothered about the rules of the road nor about the safety.

(iv) You will conclude your letter by asking :

- (A) the authorities to turn a blind eye to the problem of accidents.
- (B) the authorities to overlook whenever an accident takes place.



(C) the authorities to consider that accidents are not such a great thing.

(D) the authorities to take the necessary tough action against those who break traffic laws.

Answer - (D) the authorities to take the necessary tough action against those who break traffic laws.

(v) You will close your letter with

(A) Yours sincerely

(B) Yours lovingly

(C) Yours cheerfully

(D) Yours gracefully

Answer - (A) Yours sincerely

Q5. Answer the questions given, with reference to the context below:

You are Varun, the secretary of the Cultural Club of your school. Draft a notice for your school notice board about a charity programme organised by the Club in aid of cancer patients.

(i) The subject for the notice will be placed :

(A) above the institution's name

(B) below the word NOTICE

(C) above the word NOTICE

(D) just above the date

Answer - (B) below the word NOTICE

(ii) The notice will mention the

(A) detailed charity programme

(B) speech of the chief guest

(C) importance of such shows

(D) date, time and venue of the programme

Answer - (D) date, time and venue of the programme

(iii) This charity show is held by

(A) The Arts Club of the school

(B) The Cultural Club of the school

(C) The Sports Club of the school

(D) The Literary Club of the school

Answer - (B) The Cultural Club of the school

(iv) The charity show is held in aid of :

(A) Cancer patients

(B) HIV patients

(C) TB patients

(D) Poor patients

Answer - (A) Cancer patients



Q6. All questions given below are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

"Grow more trees to reduce pollution". Write an article on the topic given for your school magazine.

(i) You can start your article by saying that one of the main reasons why mankind came into existence is because of :

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (A) multistorey buildings | (B) trees and plants |
| (C) good transport system | (D) malls and cinema halls |

Answer - (B) trees and plants

(ii) Trees make the earth a better place to live in because :

- (A) they exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide**
- (B) they inhale nitrogen and exhale carbon dioxide**
- (C) they inhale hydrogen and exhale carbon dioxide**
- (D) they inhale the pollutants of the earth**

Answer - (A) they exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide

(iii) Places inhabited by trees are :

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| (A) very hot | (B) cooler compared to concrete jungles |
| (C) always raining | (D) extremely cold |

Answer - (B) cooler compared to concrete jungles

(iv) Don't forget to mention that trees build a sheet to protect us from

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) harmful ultraviolet rays | (B) Storms |
| (C) thunder | (D) lightning |

Answer - (A) harmful ultraviolet rays



SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

Q7. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

First the L.P.G cylinder __ (i) __ in the dicky at an angle of 20 to 35 degree. A pipe __ (ii) __ to the regulator which __ (iii) __ the air filter.

(i) (A) has been placed

(B) is placed

(C) would placed

(D) should be placed

Answer - (D) should be placed

(ii) (A) is fixed

(B) will be fixed

(C) was fixed

(D) had been fixed

Answer - (A) is fixed

(iii) (A) is leading to

(B) was leading to

(C) leads to

(D) has leads to

Answer - (C) leads to

Q8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note:

My younger sister __ (i) __ (is /are) very attractive. She __ (ii) __ (has/had) curly hair, large eyes and a fresh and beautiful complexion. She __ (iii) __ (study/studies) in class VIII.

Answer - (i) is

(ii) has

(iii) studies

Q9. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the passage :

Michelangelo __ (i) __ (is/was) born in caprese, a town in Italy in 1475. He __ (ii) __ (went/goes) to Rome in 1496. In 1508 he __ (iii) __ (begin/began) his greatest work of painting – the decoration of the ceiling of the sistine chapel.

Answer - (i) was



(ii) went

(iii) began

Q10. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition:

(i) The children are _____ the room.

(ii) The milk is _____ the table.

(iii) The children have gone _____ school.

(iv) It rains a lot _____ August.

Answer - (i) in

(ii) on

(iii) to

(iv) in

Q11. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunction:

(i) I was angry _____ I did not reveal my feelings.

(ii) He studied hard _____ got good grades.

Answer - (i) but

(ii) So



SECTION – D : LITERATURE

Q12. Complete the following sentences:

- (i) We must bring new life to the land by not polluting the _____ and the _____.
- (ii) We must not cut down _____.
- (iii) We must work together for _____.

Answer -

- (i) We must bring new life to the land by not polluting the air and the water
- (ii) We must not cut down trees.
- (iii) We must work together for healing of earth and the renewal of all life.

(A Prayer for Healing)

Q13. Identify the following sentences as True or False:

- (i) Children cannot rebuild what the adults destroy.

Answer - True

- (ii) Right-wing politics and left-wing politics matter a lot to children.

Answer - False (Children don't care about politics, they only want love, peace, and affection.)

- (iii) Children don't want wars to break out.

Answer - True

(My Only Cry)

Q14. Read the following passage :

It was a cloudy day in 'Golibar' the largest slum colony in Ghatkopar, north-east of Mumbai. Kondiba lived here with Tukaram and Tukaram's wife, Yelanbai. It was the end of the monsoon. In the middle of an open area, in the colony there was a well. It was full of blackish-green water. Nothing could be seen more than a few centimeters below the surface.

(Kondiba - A Hero)



Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below:

(i) Kondiba lived in _____.

Answer - Kondiba lived in 'Golibar'.

(ii) She lived here with _____.

Answer - She lived here with Tukaram and Tukaram's wife, Yelanbai.

(iii) The colony well in the slum was full of _____.

Answer - The colony well in the slum was full of blackish-green water.

Q15. Identify the True and False sentences given below:

(i) Aunt Ruby's parrot was very fond of Aunt Ruby.

Answer - **False** (The parrot disliked Aunt Ruby. It would get angry when she tried to kiss it and even knocked off her spectacles once.)

(ii) The author Ruskin Bond set the parrot free.

Answer - **True**

(ii) Aunt Ruby's parrot used to talk a lot to everyone.

Answer - **False** (The parrot never talked in the cage. It only mimicked Aunt Ruby's rude words after gaining freedom)

(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

Q16. Match the character with the story:

(i) Snake Bite

(a) Gandhiji

(ii) The Last Stone Mason

(b) The old grey haired man

(iii) Stealing and Atonement

(c) Salim

Answer -

(i) Snake Bite → (a) Gandhiji
(ii) The Last Stone Mason → (b) The old grey haired man
(iii) Stealing and Atonement → (c) Salim



PART - B SECTION - A : READING

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In Routine Village, life was routine for each and every member. They opened their eyes at the hint of sunrise, washed, and set off to work. But among them, there was one young lad, Rolta, who thought differently. He wanted to live out his own dreams. So he looked around for ideas. People poked fun at him; his friends thought he was crazy, while his parents were always annoyed with him. (1)

But Rolta turned a deaf ear to everyone. He trusted his instincts and held his head high. One day, as he was walking through the village, his shoes got caught in the weeds that grew on the ground. Pulling out the shoes, Rolta landed on his bottom with a thud. Clutching his shoes to his chest, he lay there for a few minutes and then suddenly, he realised what he wanted to do in life.

He went about observing the shoes of everyone in the village and pitied the sight of tattered footwear. The city shoes were too expensive for the poor villagers, and so they wore their shoes till no one could use those ever again.

Rolta went to the city to learn how to make shoes. He worked with a shoemaker for six months and when he returned home, he was equipped with knowledge and material. To begin with he made a pair of shoes for everyone in his house. (2) Soon others in the village requested Rolta to make shoes for them. He did it at a price they could pay, but at a price with his profits included. He put up a board at his home, Rolta Shoe Mart - give your feet some love. That was the tagline he used to attract people and profits. (3)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions :

Q17. Who thought differently from the other people and how did the people react to his thoughts?

Answer - Rolta thought differently from the other people in the village. People poked fun at him, his friends thought he was crazy, and his parents were always annoyed with him.

Q18. What did Rolta learn in the city and what did he do when he returned home?

Answer - Rolta learned how to make shoes. He worked with a shoemaker for six months and when he returned home, he was equipped with knowledge and material. To begin with he made a pair of shoes for everyone in his house and then for other villagers at an affordable price.



Q19. How did Rolta manage to attract people and make profits?

Answer - Rolta put up a board at his home called Rolta Shoe Mart with the tagline "give your feet some love." That was the tagline he used to attract people and profits.

Q20. Find a word in the passage that means the following:

(a) irritated

(b) worn out

Answer - (a) annoyed

(b) tattered



SECTION - B : WRITING



Q21. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your concern over the frequent power breakdown in your locality.

Answer -

Raj Verma

45, Sunshine Colony, Delhi – 110016

rajverma123@email.com

9 September 2025

The Editor

The Times of India

Mumbai

Subject: Complaint Regarding Frequent Power Breakdowns in Sunshine Colony

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Raj Verma, a resident of Sunshine Colony, Delhi, and I am writing to report the frequent power breakdowns in our locality. The outages have been occurring almost daily for the past few months, often lasting several hours.

These power cuts are causing serious inconvenience to residents, students, and local shopkeepers. Students are unable to study properly, professionals working from home are facing difficulties, and local shops that rely on electricity are affected. Moreover, sudden voltage fluctuations have damaged home appliances and electronic devices.

I kindly request you to publish this complaint in your esteemed newspaper to draw the attention of the electricity authorities and urge them to take immediate action to provide a regular and uninterrupted power supply in our area.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Raj Verma



OR

Write an email to your friend inviting him/her for your birthday party. Don't forget to mention the venue, date and time.

Answer -

To: riya5678@gmail.com

Date: 10 September 2025

Subject: Invitation to My Birthday Party

Dear Riya,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to tell you about my birthday party and invite you to join the celebration.

My birthday is on 14 September. The party will be at my home, 24, Green Park, New Delhi. It will start at 6:00 p.m. There will be games, music, delicious food, and cake for everyone. On that day, I will wear new clothes and cut the birthday cake. After that, we will enjoy food and spend a good time together. It will be a very joyful evening. Friends and family will come to the party and we will share happiness. I am very excited to celebrate and your presence will make it special.

Please let me know if you will be able to come. I will be very happy to see you here

Regards,

Kajal

Q22. Read the telephone conversation given below:

Kavita : Hello, I am Kavita. Could I speak to Neha.

Rani : I am sorry. Neha has gone to attend his friend's birthday party.

I am Rani, her elder sister. Anything important ?

Kavita : Yes, I want to discuss an important topic about our studies with her.

Please tell her to call me as soon as she reaches home.

Rani : Sure, I will give her your message.



As you have to go to the chemist's shop to buy medicines for your grandmother write a message for Neha.

Answer -

Date: 9 Sept 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Dear Neha,

Your friend Kavita called while you were away. She said that she wants to talk with you about an important topic related to your studies. She requested you to call her as soon as you come back home.

Rani

Q23. You are Brijesh. You witnessed a massive fire in a slum area near your school. You wrote a report about it in 100 words for the school magazine. You may use the following clues.

- great loss of life and property
- fire spread in seconds
- people crying and running about screaming
- fire fighters arrived
- fire got under control
- cause not yet known
- people taken to the hospital
- relief given to the slum dwellers

Answer -

Title: Massive Fire in Slum Area Near DAV School

15th August 2024

Reported by: Brijesh

Place: DAV School, Delhi

On 15th August 2024, a big fire started in the slum near DAV School. The fire spread very fast from one hut to another. Many houses were burnt, and there was a great loss of life and property. People were crying, screaming, and running here and there to save themselves. The whole place was full of smoke and noise. Soon, the fire brigade came with their vehicles. The firefighters worked very hard and after some hours they controlled the fire. Many injured people were taken to the hospital for treatment. The real reason for the fire is not yet known. Relief was given to the poor people. They got food, clothes, and temporary shelter. The brave work of firefighters saved many lives.

Brijesh



OR

Last weekend the entire family spent the whole day at an Amusement Park in Delhi. Write an article on the topic, 'A Day Spent in an Amusement Park'. Mention the various rides and how the members of your family reacted to these rides.

Answer -

Title : A Day Spent in an Amusement Park

Last weekend, my whole family went to an amusement park in Delhi. We were very excited as soon as we entered. The park was full of bright lights, music, and laughter. Everywhere we looked, there were rides, food stalls, and happy faces.

First, we all went on the giant wheel. From the top, we could see the entire park. My mother was a little scared at first, but later she enjoyed the beautiful view. My father smiled and clicked pictures.

Next, my brother wanted to try the roller coaster. It was very fast and thrilling. He shouted with excitement, while I closed my eyes tightly. My parents laughed at our reactions. After that, we enjoyed the water rides. Splashing water made everyone fresh and happy. My sister liked the merry-go-round with its colourful horses. My grandmother preferred watching us from a bench while enjoying an ice cream.

By afternoon, we were all hungry. We ate delicious snacks like chaat, popcorn, and ice cream. Then we watched a magic show in the park. The magician's tricks made us all clap and cheer. In the evening, the park looked even more beautiful with colourful lights. We took one last ride on the toy train which went around the park. It was slow and relaxing after a day full of adventure.

Finally, we returned home tired but very happy. It was a day full of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.



SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

Q24. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done as an example.

Lalit : You should be careful when you are driving in the hills.

Naresh : I will be. Don't worry.

Lalit : Good. You (i) carry all the necessary tools so that

You (ii) take care if your car is in trouble,

Answer - Lalit : You should be careful when you are driving in the hills.

Naresh : I will be. Don't worry.

Lalit : Good. You **must** carry all the necessary tools so that

You **can** take care if your car is in trouble.

"Modal verbs are helping verbs that show possibility, ability, permission, or necessity."

Q25. Fill in the blanks with appropriate propositions:

(i) The exercise was written _____ me.

(ii) Angus now lives _____ Delhi.

(iii) The children were walking about _____ the classroom

Answer - (i) The exercise was written **by** me.

(ii) Angus now lives **in** Delhi.

(iii) The children were walking about **in** the classroom.

Q26. Change to reported speech:

(i) "Susan has passed the examination," said the teacher.

Answer - The teacher said that Susan had passed the examination.

(ii) "Shiela has won the zonal championship", said the PT teacher to the principal.

Answer - The PT teacher told the principal that Shiela had won the zonal championship.



Q27. Complete the sentences given below with conjunctions:

- (i) He put on his hat _____ went outside.
- (ii) The lion was wounded _____ not killed.
- (iii) Do as I tell you _____ you will be sorry.
- (iv) She woke _____ looked around.

Answer - (i) He put on his hat and went outside.

(ii) The lion was wounded but not killed.

(iii) Do as I tell you or you will be sorry.

(iv) She woke and looked around.

Q28. Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using correct form of verbs given in the brackets:

- (i) He _____ (die/died) at a ripe old age.
- (ii) The news _____ (spoiled/spoil) my dinner.
- (iii) The bird _____ (fly/flew) over the tree.
- (iv) I have _____ (thought/think) of a plan.

Answer - (i) He died at a ripe old age.

(ii) The news spoiled my dinner.

(iii) The bird flew over the tree.

(iv) I have thought of a plan.



SECTION - D : LITERATURE

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each:

Q29. The nine athletes were lined up to run which race? (Nine Gold Medals)

Answer - The nine athletes were lined up to run the **hundred-yard dash**.

Q30. Why did Gandhiji and his relative steal money from the servant's pocket money?

(Stealing and Atonement)

Answer - Gandhiji and his relative stole money from the servant's pocket money because they wanted to buy cigarettes for smoking.

Q31. What bit Raja and what did Grandmother think?

(Snake Bite)

Answer - Raja was stung by a **bee**, but his **grandmother** thought it was a snake bite.

Q32. Why did Kondiba take to begging?

(Kondiba A Hero)

Answer - Kondiba took to begging because, after moving to Mumbai due to the famine in Maharashtra.

Q33. Why was Gopal not considered a good sculptor?

(The Last Stone Mason)

Answer - Gopal was not considered a good sculptor because he lacked natural creativity and could not carve fine details like faces and hands. The old sculptor believed such artistic skill cannot be taught.

Q34. What is Dr. Kurien rightly called?

(Co-operate and Prosper)

Answer - Dr. Verghese Kurien is rightly called the "**Father of the White Revolution**".

Q35. Answer the following question:

(i) How do we know that Bismillah Khan remained simple even after becoming famous? (Ustad Bismillah Khan)

Answer - Bismillah Khan remained simple even after becoming famous because he did not chase wealth or material things. He lived in humble surroundings in Varanasi and preferred travelling by



cycle rickshaw. Despite getting international fame, he stayed devoted to his city and country, even refusing an offer to settle permanently in the USA. His simplicity was also shown in his lifestyle and attitude, focusing more on music and spreading the message of unity, rather than on personal comfort or luxury.

OR

(ii) Why was the grey haired old man given gifts by Grandfather?

(Snake Bite)

Answer - The grey-haired old man was given gifts by Grandfather because he believed that the old man had successfully cured Raja of a snake bite through his ritual. Out of gratitude and respect for saving his grandson's life, Grandfather sent him gifts even though, in reality, Raja had only been stung by a bee, not bitten by a snake.



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PREVIOUS YEARS' QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



OCTOBER-2025

— Your Path to Success —

PART - A SECTION - A : READING

Read the following passage carefully :

Women in India have multiple role and responsibilities to play. In the West, women are mostly employed in one or the other job and work there with complete devotion. But in India, women are to play traditional roles along with their married life. To save themselves from the domestic drudgery, they prefer to take up some jobs. We have four categories of working women in this context. Some of them do their jobs only for the sake of lucrative match while others work as they are qualified and want a second income to lead a different kind of life.

A small section of them are among the career women. Some are bread winners, but the majority of women in the family prefer to take up jobs. These women prefer to stay in the joint families where their children can be looked after while they are at a work. When they return after their work, they adjust according to the demands of time and other family members.

These women do their shopping on the way from office. Weekends are generally reserved for heavy house work. They even like to spend their precious time with their spouses and children doing other family duties, visits and such endless chores. Thus they hardly find any time for their personal needs. Being all this, working women leave all the financial decisions to their husbands. They are not unduly fashion conscious but take pride in graceful clothing. Thus the Indian working women are managing their double roles admirably.

Q1. Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False.

(i) Women in the West are to play traditional roles.

Answer - False (Women in the West are mostly employed in jobs and work with complete devotion.)

(ii) A large section of women are among the career women.

Answer - False (A small section of them are among the career women.)

(iii) Working women like to spend their time with their family members.

Answer - True



Q2. Answer the following questions in one word :

(i) How many roles do the Indian women have to play ?

Answer - Multiple

(ii) Why do the working women prefer to stay in joint family ?

Answer - Children

(iii) What does the jobber women take pride in ?

Answer - Clothing

Q3. Choose a word from the passage which means 'hard and uninteresting work' :

(A) responsibilities

(B) reserved

(C) lucrative

(D) drudgery

Answer - (D) drudgery



SECTION - B : WRITING



Q4. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below :

You are Riddhi. Write a letter to your younger sister who is starting her first day of college, offering words of encouragement and advice to help her feel more confident and comfortable.

(i) What is the main concern to be expressed in the letter by Riddhi to the younger sister ?

- (A) Making friends
- (B) To remind her about college rules
- (C) Academics
- (D) Overcoming nervousness

Answer - (D) Overcoming nervousness

(ii) Select the appropriate tone writer would adopt when writing the letter to the younger sister.

- (1) Critical and authoritative
- (2) Sarcastic and humorous
- (3) Supportive and encouraging
- (4) Sympathetic and motivational

- (A) (1) and (4)
- (B) (2) and (3)
- (C) (2) and (4)
- (D) (3) and (4)

Answer - (D) (3) and (4)

(iii) What should writer include to make the letter more effective ?

- (A) Comparison with peers
- (B) Practical advice and words of encouragement
- (C) College rules
- (D) Criticism of her past performances

Answer - (B) Practical advice and words of encouragement



(iv) What would be a positive suggestion to include in the message ?

- (A) Take a long break to relax
- (B) This is just the beginning
- (C) You should aim higher
- (D) Celebrate your success and plan your next step

Answer - (B) This is just the beginning

(v) What would be suitable closing for the message ?

- (A) Regards
- (B) Sincerely
- (C) Faithfully
- (D) With love and best wishes

Answer - (D) With love and best wishes

Q5. Answer the questions given with reference to the context below :

Write a notice as Trisha as Head of Student Council to the students of XYZ School informing that the school will be closed for summer vacation from May 15th to June 5th, 2025. The notice should include details about the reopening date and any specific instructions for students.

(i) What would be a suitable title for the notice ?

- (A) Holiday Calendar
- (B) Summer Vacation Announcement
- (C) School Rules and Regulations
- (D) School Reopening Notice

Answer - (B) Summer Vacation Announcement

(ii) What should be included in a notice to make it effective ?

- (A) Personal anecdotes & stories
- (B) Only title & date
- (C) Purpose, dates & specific instructions
- (D) Informal language

Answer - (C) Purpose, dates & specific instructions



(iii) Which of the following should not be included in a formal school notice ?

- (A) Personal opinions and biases
- (B) Relevant instructions
- (C) Notice title and signature
- (D) School logo and date

Answer - (A) Personal opinions and biases

(iv) Which conclusion best fits the above notice ?

- (A) "All students must attend a mandatory camp."
- (B) "Have a wonderful break !"
- (C) "Summer assignments must be completed immediately."
- (D) "School premises will be closed until further notice."

Answer - (B) "Have a wonderful break!"

Q6. You are Ruchita Vats. Write an article analyzing the impact of technology on student engagement and motivation. You have to discuss how interactive tools, simulations, and gamification can enhance the learning experience.

(i) Select the option that lists an appropriate title for Ruchita's article :

- (A) "The Impact of Technology on Student Engagement and Motivation"
- (B) "The Future of Education"
- (C) "Traditional Teaching Is Best"
- (D) Technology's role in Education

Answer - (A) "The Impact of Technology on Student Engagement and Motivation"

(ii) Choose the most appropriate logical order to organize ideas in the article :

- (A) Benefits; Challenges; Introduction; Conclusion
- (B) Solution; Challenges; Benefits
- (C) Introduction; Challenges; Benefits; Conclusion
- (D) Conclusion; Introduction; Challenges; Benefits

Answer - (C) Introduction; Challenges; Benefits; Conclusion



(iii) Choose the most suitable language style for Ruchita's article :

- (A) Vague and ambiguous**
- (B) Dismissive and sarcastic**
- (C) Conversational style**
- (D) Formal and academic**

Answer - (D) Formal and academic

(iv) Which point is least relevant to the article ?

- (A) Recipe for baking cake**
- (B) Benefits of interactive learning tools**
- (C) Analysis of how technology enhances student learning**
- (D) Challenges and limitations of technology in education**

Answer - (A) Recipe for baking cake



SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

Q7. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

Man (i) _____ water for granted, for water (ii) _____, a free commodity. The rate at which man _____ (iii) this raw material will sooner or later exhaust the entire stock of water in certain parts of the world.

- (i) (A) has take
- (B) have taken
- (C) has taken
- (D) had taken

Answer - (C) has taken

Reason - "Man" is a **singular** noun, so it takes **has**. The sentence describes an attitude that started in the past and continues in the present, so the **Present Perfect Tense** is used. Therefore, **has taken** is correct.

Rule : Subject + has/have + V³ (Past Participle)

Man + has + taken

- (ii) (A) is by and large
- (B) are by and large
- (C) was by and large
- (D) were by and large

Answer - (A) is by and large

Reason - Subject "water" is singular/uncountable, so is is correct.

- (iii) (A) has consuming
- (B) have been consuming
- (C) have consuming
- (D) has been consuming

Answer - (D) has been consuming



Reason - The action **started in the past and is continuing**, so present perfect continuous tense is used.

Q8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

Liberty (i) ____ (denote) absence of restraint. The word liberty is (ii) ____ (derive) from the Latin word Liber which means free. It implies that man can do whatever he (iii) ____ (like).

Answer -

(i) denotes

(ii) derived

(iii) likes

Q9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the passage :

India (i) ____ (was/is) known for her culture which is thousands of years old but today the Indians (ii) ____ (have/has) become blind to all the high ideals of sacrifice, dedication, selflessness and contentment. All these age old ideas (iii) ____ (had been/have been) blown to air.

Answer -

(i) is

(ii) have

(iii) have been

Q10. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions :

(i) We are going _____ a road trip tomorrow.

(ii) The students are _____ the top performers.

(iii) The children are playing _____.

(iv) The hikers climbed _____ the steep mountain trail.



Answer -

- (i) on
- (ii) among
- (iii) outside
- (iv) up

Q11. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunctions :

- (i) He is studying _____ he wants to get good grades.
- (ii) Do you want to go _____ stay home ?

Answer -

- (i) because
- (ii) or



SECTION – D : LITERATURE

Q12. Complete the following sentences :

- (i) Raja's grandparents are concerned about his _____.
- (ii) Raja's _____ throws the shell away.
- (iii) Raja's grandfather advises him never to go near a _____ again. (Snake Bite)

Answer -

- (i) safety and well-being
- (ii) grandfather
- (iii) snake

Q13. Identify the following sentences as True or False :

- (i) The poem "The Truth" is written by Barrie Wade.
- (ii) According to the poet, sticks and stones can hurt us emotionally.
- (iii) Unkind words can cause long-lasting emotional pain.

Answer -

- (i) True
- (ii) False
- (iii) True

Q14. Read the following passage carefully :

He'd been bought by Aunt Ruby from a bird-catcher who'd visited all the houses on our road selling caged birds ranging from colourful budgerigars to chirpy little munnias and even common sparrows that had been dabbed with paint and passed off as some exotic species. Neither Granny nor grandfather were keen on keeping caged birds as pets, but Aunt Ruby



threatened to throw a tantrum if she did not get her way – and Aunt Ruby's tantrum were dreadful to behold. (The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below :

- (i) The parrot was bought by _____ from a bird-catcher.
- (ii) Granny and grandfather weren't keen on keeping _____ birds as pets.
- (iii) Aunt Ruby's tantrums were _____ to behold.

Answer -

- (i) bird-catcher
- (ii) caged
- (iii) dreadful

Q15. Identify the following sentences as True or False :

- (i) Gandhiji's grandfather had the habit of smoking.
- (ii) The author and his relative stole coins from the servant's pocket to buy cigarettes.
- (iii) Gandhiji handed the confession to his mother. (Stealing and Atonement)

Answer -

- (i) False
- (ii) True
- (iii) False

Q16. Match the characters with the story :

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (i) Jawaharlal Nehru | (a) The Last Stone Mason |
| (ii) Gopal | (b) The Return of the Lion |
| (iii) Sachiv | (c) A Birthday Letter |

Answer -

- (i) Jawaharlal Nehru — (c) A Birthday Letter
- (ii) Gopal — (a) The Last Stone Mason
- (iii) Sachiv — (b) The Return of the Lion



PART - B SECTION - A : READING

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

"The most obvious way to avoid examination is to be prepared" is an oft-repeated advice from the experienced elders. They ignore two facts : first, the most stressed students are the highest achievers who set unrealistic goals for themselves; second, asking students to relax is easier said than done.

"Is there no way to calm the frazzled nerves that seem to accompany examinations and the resultant exam blues ?" ask the anxious students. Well, there are no pulls, quick-fix methods or sure-shot ways to combat stress. However, certain steps, if followed properly, can yield the desired results.

You must discuss your anxiety and stress with family and friends. When you express a feeling or emotion, its intensity automatically goes down, making it easier for you to cope.

Usually, anxiety sets off a chain reaction where students imagine what would happen if they don't get good marks, which adds to their nervousness. Psychologists advise that you should distract yourself by talking to a friend, going for a run, or watching television as soon as these thoughts begin.

Studying long hours at a stretch does not translate into being well prepared for exams. Non-stop studying brings down muscular and mental tension. It stabilizes the biochemical response of the body by controlling hormonal secretions induced by anxiety. You can do breathing exercises just before you begin a paper and start writing. It'll help focus your thoughts better and prevent panic attacks.

You must have a high carbohydrate – low fat diet. Fats in the diet make the body sluggish while caffeine makes it high stung, so it's best to consume a high carbohydrate diet, while limiting the tea and coffee intake to not more than three cups a day.

These tips should help you make it through the most trauma of answering papers.

— Sanchita Sharma (adapted)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions :

Q17. According to the passage, suggest any two common causes of stress in high achieving students.

Answer - Two common causes of stress in high achievers are:

1. Setting unrealistic goals for themselves



2. **Constant fear of not getting good marks**, which leads to overthinking and anxiety

Q18. What are the different ways to reduce anxiety according to the passage ?

Answer - The different ways to reduce anxiety according to the passage :

- According to the passage, anxiety can be reduced by sharing one's stress with family and friends, as expressing emotions lowers their intensity.
- Students should distract their minds by talking to friends, going for a run, or watching television when anxious thoughts begin.
- The passage also advises avoiding long hours of non-stop study, doing breathing exercises before exams, following a high-carbohydrate, low-fat diet, and limiting tea and coffee intake to stay calm and focused.

Q19. What are the benefits of deep breathing exercises suggested in the passage ?

Answer - Deep breathing exercises help students **focus their thoughts better and prevent panic attacks during examinations**. They reduce mental and muscular tension and stabilize the body's response to anxiety. Practising breathing exercises before starting the exam paper helps calm the nerves and improves concentration.

Q20. Find words from the passage having meanings opposite to those given below :

(a) Fearlessness

(b) Energetic / active

Answer -

(a) Anxiety

(b) Sluggish



SECTION - B : WRITING



Q21. You are Shubhi of 06, Green Avenue, Modal Town, Bareilly, U.P. You had agreed to visit your friend Manya on the occasion of her brother's birthday party. You failed to keep your appointment. Write a letter of apology to her for failing to keep your appointment.

Answer -

06, Green Avenue

Model Town

Bareilly, U.P.

15 July 2025

Dear Manya,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and happy spirits. I am extremely sorry for not being able to visit you on the occasion of your brother's birthday party. I know how excited you were and how eagerly you were waiting for me.

On that day, my grandmother suddenly fell ill and her condition became serious. We had to rush her to the hospital, and due to this unexpected emergency, I could not leave home or inform you in time. I truly regret my absence and feel very bad for missing such a joyful and memorable occasion.

Please accept my sincere apology for failing to keep my promise. I hope you and your family had a wonderful celebration. Please convey my heartfelt birthday wishes and blessings to your brother on my behalf.

I hope you will forgive me and understand my situation. I promise to visit you very soon and spend quality time together to make up for it.

With love and apologies,

Yours affectionately,

Shubhi

OR



You are Sarita living at G-04, Civil Lanes, Allahabad. Your friend Aaditya has passed the Senior Secondary School Examination with distinction. Write an e-mail congratulating him on his grand success.

Answer -

To: aaditya123@mail.com

Subject: Congratulations on Your Grand Success

Dear Aaditya,

How are you? I hope you and your family are doing well. I was very happy to hear about your excellent result. Heartiest congratulations on passing the Senior Secondary School Examination with distinction. Your grand success is the result of your hard work, dedication, and determination. You have made your parents, teachers, and friends proud.

I am sure this achievement will open the doors to a bright future for you. I wish you success in your higher studies and all your future plans. Once again, many congratulations on your wonderful achievement.

With best wishes,

Yours lovingly,

Sarita

G-04, Civil Lanes

Allahabad



Q22. Read the telephonic conversation given below :

Abhi : Hello ! Can I speak to Jai please ?

Kushagra : Hi ! I'm sorry Jai has gone to the market. He'll be back after an hour or so. Would you like to leave a message for him ?

Abhi : Yes, Jai was to go to Chandigarh tomorrow to participate in an Inter-school Painting Competition. Please tell him that the Painting Competition has been postponed and the new date will be announced later.

Kushagra : Don't worry I'll convey it to him as soon as he comes.

Abhi : Thanks.

As Kushagra is going out, he writes the message for Jai. Write the message on his behalf with every detail.

Answer -

MESSAGE

Date: 15 July 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Dear Jai,

Abhi called up to inform you that the Inter-school Painting Competition, for which you were going to Chandigarh tomorrow, has been postponed. The new date of the competition will be announced later. Please note this information.

– Kushagra

Q23. Write an article for your school magazine about a visit by a famous folk singers' group, highlighting their wonderful performance.

You are Purvi of Class – XII. Use the following clues :

- Date, time, venue
- folk singers & team
- costumes, singers, musicians



- children, teacher
- performance, enjoyed a lot. 6

Answer -

Title - A Memorable Visit by a Famous Folk Singers' Group

By Purvi, Class XII

On **10 August 2025**, a famous folk singers' group visited our school. The programme was held in the **school auditorium** at **11 a.m.** The auditorium was clean and well decorated. Students and teachers reached the hall on time. Everyone was curious and excited to see the singers.

The folk singers came with their **music team**. They wore **bright and colourful traditional dresses**. Their dresses looked very beautiful and showed our culture. The musicians played instruments like **dholak, harmonium, flute, and manjira**. The sound of music filled the hall with joy. All the **students and teachers** listened to the songs carefully. The singers smiled and spoke politely. Before singing each song, they explained its meaning in easy words. The songs were about village life, farmers, festivals, and nature. Some students clapped and enjoyed the music.

The programme also helped students learn new things. Many students asked questions about folk music and instruments. The singers answered them happily and encouraged students to love Indian culture. Some students felt inspired to learn music in the future.

Everyone enjoyed the performance very much. The programme created a happy and peaceful atmosphere in the school. Students felt relaxed and cheerful. The programme also taught us to respect folk music and traditions. In the end, the Principal thanked the singers and wished them success. The visit was **educational, enjoyable, and unforgettable** for all of us.

OR



Sita of Class – X has been told to write a report to be published in the school magazine about a campaign on ‘No Polybags’ held in school. The purpose of the campaign was to spread awareness among students. Draft a report on her behalf.

Answer -

Title: No Polybags Awareness Campaign

15 July 2025

Reported By: Sita (Class X)

Green Valley Public School

A campaign on ‘**No Polybags**’ was organised in our school on 15 July 2025 with the aim of spreading awareness among students about the harmful effects of plastic bags. The programme was held in the school premises and witnessed active participation from students and teachers.

The programme began with a speech by the Principal, who explained how plastic bags cause serious damage to the environment. She told the students that plastic does not decompose easily and pollutes land and water. It also harms animals and birds when they eat plastic waste. Teachers also addressed the students and encouraged them to use eco-friendly alternatives like cloth and paper bags.

Many students participated as volunteers in the campaign. They prepared colourful posters, charts, and slogans such as “Say No to Polybags”, “Go Green”, and “Save Earth, Save Future”. A rally was organised inside the school campus where students raised slogans and carried banners. The volunteers moved from class to class and shared useful information in simple words.

At the end of the programme, all students took a pledge to stop using plastic bags in their daily life. They promised to spread the message among their family members and friends. The campaign was very successful and informative. It helped students understand their responsibility towards nature.



SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

Q24. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words :

Mother : Will you accompany me to market, Riya ?

Riya : Sorry, Mom. I (i) _____ to finish my homework first.

Mother : How long (ii) _____ it take to do so ?

Riya : I'll be free by 8 O'clock.

Answer -

Mother : Will you accompany me to market, Riya ?

Riya : Sorry, Mom. I **have** to finish my homework first.

Mother : How long **will** it take to do so ?

Riya : I'll be free by 8 O'clock.

Q25. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

(i) Snow fell _____ the hills.

(ii) He broke the jug _____ a hundred pieces.

Answer -

(i) Snow fell **on** the hills.

(ii) He broke the jug **into** a hundred pieces.

Q26. Change the reported speech :

(i) Arun said, "I am ill now".

(ii) "I am playing chess", she said.

(iii) She said to me, "Please give me your pen".

Answer -

(i) Arun said that he was ill then.



(ii) She said that she was playing chess.

(iii) She requested me to give her my pen.

Q27. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets :

In this age of IT, computer (i) _____ (play/plays) a vital role in military intelligence. We (ii) _____ (were/are) on the threshold of information warfare where we (iii) _____ (may/might) try to penetrate the enemy's computer system and (iv) _____ (destroyed/destroy) the data and supplant it with false information.

Answer -

In this age of IT, computer **plays** a vital role in military intelligence. We **are** on the threshold of information warfare where we **may** try to penetrate the enemy's computer system and **destroy** the data and supplant it with false information.

Q28. Complete the sentences given below using proper conjunctions :

(i) I didn't go out _____ I was feeling awful.

(ii) He behaved so rudely _____ everybody disliked him.

(iii) Harish spends more _____ he earns.

(iv) God made the country _____ man made the town.

Answer -

(i) I didn't go out **because** I was feeling awful.

(ii) He behaved so rudely **that** everybody disliked him.

(iii) Harish spends more **than** he earns.

(iv) God made the country **and** man made the town.



SECTION – D : LITERATURE

Q29. Why did Jijabai refuse to believe that her son was dead ?

(The Return of the Lion)

Answer - Jijabai refused to believe that her son Shivaji was dead because **she did not trust Aurangzeb**. She felt that the letter from Agra was false, as Aurangzeb was known for breaking his promises. She also had strong faith in Shivaji's courage and believed that a brave warrior like him could not be killed so easily. Her confidence and motherly belief made her sure that her son would return safely.

Q30. What do people mean when they say "come again" to a guest ?

(Once Upon a Time)

Answer - According to the poet, when people say "come again" to a guest, they usually do not mean it sincerely. They say it only out of politeness and social manners. The poet uses this example to show that many people in the modern world hide their real feelings behind formal words.

Q31. What happens when the parrot returns and sees Aunt Ruby ?

(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

Answer - In The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk, when the parrot returns and sees Aunt Ruby, it flies away from her and sits on a **rose bush**. Then it suddenly starts speaking and repeats the same rude words that Aunt Ruby used to say to it, such as **"You're no beauty! Can't talk, can't sing, can't dance!"** Aunt Ruby becomes angry and embarrassed and runs inside the house. After this, the parrot keeps repeating these words whenever it sees her, showing that it had finally learned to talk by copying her words.

Q32. Why do the teachers refuse to let the Circus master enter the Headmaster's room ?

(A Tiger Comes to Town - II)

Answer - The teachers stop the Circus Master from entering the Headmaster's room **because a tiger was inside and they feared for his safety**. They felt that going near the tiger without **weapons or protection** was extremely dangerous. They also believed that **allowing him to enter would be like**



committing suicide, which was against the law. Therefore, due to fear and legal responsibility, they refused to let the Circus Master go inside.

Q33. Who was Kondiba Gaikwad ? How did he become a hero ?

(Kondiba – A Hero)

Answer - In Kondiba – A Hero, Kondiba Gaikwad was a **blind beggar living in the Golibar slum of Mumbai**. He had lost his eyesight due to smallpox in childhood and earned his living by begging, though he hated begging. Kondiba became a hero when a **young boy named Arvind fell into a deep well**. Without thinking of his own safety, Kondiba jumped into the well again and again and finally saved the boy by pulling him out. His bravery, courage, and presence of mind made him a hero in the eyes of the people.

Q34. What are the weavers weaving at break of day ?

(Indian Weavers)

Answer - In Indian Weavers, the weavers are weaving bright blue cloth at the break of day. It looks like the wing of a halcyon wild, and it is meant for a newborn child.

Q35. What was the son's opinion about his father's work, and how does it differ from his father's perspective ?

(The Last Stone Mason)

Answer -

- In The Last Stone Mason, the son thinks that his father's work as a stone mason is useless and does not earn money. He feels that such work has no future and wants to earn more by making items for tourists such as **candle stands, paper-weights, ashtrays, and plates**
- The **father**, however, strongly disagrees. He considers stone carving a **sacred art and a family tradition followed for hundreds of years**, passed down from father to son. He values his work as a **service to God** and takes pride in continuing this honourable tradition.

OR



What lesson did Gandhiji learn from his experience in the lesson "Stealing and Atonement" ?

Answer - In the lesson Stealing and Atonement, Gandhiji learns the **lesson of ahimsa** (non-violence). He understands that instead of hiding mistakes, one should tell the truth and feel sorry for one's wrong actions. By confessing his mistake, he learns that **repentance** and honesty are better than punishment. **This experience teaches him to follow the path of truth, self-control, and non-violence in life.**





Thank you!



We hope you found this material helpful. We wish you the very best for your examination.



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