

**(Section-A)**

**Reading**

**Q. 1. Answer the following questions briefly: 5, 2**

**(I) What is peculiar about the habit of idleness ?**

**Ans:-**Habit of idleness once firmly fixed cannot be suddenly thrown off .

**(ii) What is 'life' is seed-time' and what is life's autumn?**

**Ans:-** Life's seed-time is the time and opportunity to put in efforts, and hard work to make dreams come true. 'Life's autumn is the time of getting good results.

**(iii) What is the difference between lost time and lost health or wealth?**

**Ans:-** Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine but lost time is gone forever.

**(iv) How do people often cheat themselves?**

**Ans:-** People are always cheating themselves with the idea that they would do this or that desirable thing if only they had time.

**(v) What kind of men have done the most for their own and the general good?**

**Ans:-** The kind of men who have done the most for their own and the general good are the men who are in ceaseless activity from January to December. They are hardworking men.

**(vi) Find from the passage the word that means the same as the following:**

**Ans:-** (a) precious

(b) Abundance

**Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows:** **8, 2**

**Answer the following question that follows:**

**(i) Why rats are disliked?**

**Ans:** Rates are disliked because rats in towns and villages do much harm than all other animals put together. Rats do terrible damage by eating and spoiling stored foodstuffs. They may also cause fires by growing through gas pipes or flooding by making holes in water pipes.

**(ii) How does a black rat differ from a brown rat?**

**Ans:-** The brown rat is distinctly larger, with a body length of up to 25 centimeters, its tail is always shorter than its body. The black rat is more lightly built and has a body length of 20 centimeters; it has a tail larger than its body.

**(iii) What harm can rats do in homes and cities?**

**Ans:** Rats do terrible damages by eating and spoiling stored foodstuffs. They may also cause fires by gnarring through gas pipes, or flooding by making holes in water pipes. Black rats are chiefly known as spreaders of bubonic plague, one of the world's worst diseases that killed so many people.

**(iv) What the length of brown rat's body?**

**Ans:** The length of brown rat's body is up to 25 centimeters, its tail is always shorter than its body.

**(v) Explain the meaning of the words:**

**Ans: (a) rodents:-** A gnarring mammal of an order that includes rats, mice, squirrels, hamsters.

**(b) bubonic :-** Plague

**(Section- B)**

**Writing**

**(16 Marks)**

**Q. 3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper against the rising prices.**

**Ans: -**

Examination Hall

x y z city

Date -----

The Editor

The Tribune

Chandigrah

Subject:- Views regarding rising prices.

Sir

I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the rising prices through the columns of your esteemed newspaper. The prices of various commodities are going up every day. Wheat which was available at Rs.1000 per quintal last week sells at Rs. 1530 per quintal today. Mustard oil which cost Rs.40 per Kilogram last month cost Rs. 55 today. The rates of pulses have gone up to at least 25 %

as compared with those of the last month. Ghee Rs. 135. Infact, there is hardly any item which has not registered an increase in price.

High prices have caused much hardship to the poor and middle class families. They find it very difficult to make their both ends meet. Its is time the government did something to check the rising prices.

Yours truly

x y z

**OR**

**Write an application to the Principal/ Headmaster of your school asking him for remission of fine.**

**Ans:**

The Principal

Govt.Sr. Sec. School

Subject:- Application regarding remission of fine.

Sir,

Our class teacher gave us a test on Monday. I wanted to take this test. But I left ill on Sunday night. I had a severe pain in my stomach. I was taken to the doctor. He said that it was a case of food – poisoning. I kept vomiting the whole night. So I could not attend school on Monday. My class teacher thought that I was knowingly absent from the test. So, he fined me Rs. 10 rupees.

Sir, I request you to remit my fine. I am ready to take the rest now if the teacher so wishes.

I shall be thankful to you for this kindness.

Yours obediently

Xyz

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**Q.4. Paragraph writing.**

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**A Morning Walk**

**Ans:** A morning walk is very useful for health. It is the best of all exercise. It costs nothing. It is a tonic for the body and the mind. It has a joy of its own. It fills our lungs with fresh air. The peace of the surroundings fills the mind with peace. Nature appears to be in her best dress. The weather is very charming. We see green trees and hear the music of the birds. The flowers give out sweet fragrance. Dew drops shine like pearls on the grass. All this fills the mind with peace.

**Q. 5. Write a paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics :**

**6**

**Your Favorite Book:**

**Ans:** I have read a number of books. Some have pleased me, other have bored me. But 'My Experiments with Truth' by Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography. Its language is very simple. Mahatma Gandhi writes in a free and frank manner. Nothing has been hidden. As we read the book we feel that Mahatma ji was born as an ordinary child. He had all the weaknesses of a human being. But one thing that made him famous and even an immortal was that he stuck to his principles of truth and non-violence. He never compromised with falsehood. He speaks of his experiences in a very interesting manner. He suffered many hardships for the cause of India's freedom. He practiced what he preached. It is a book that everyone must read.

**OR**

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### A Street Quarrel

I was studying in my room. Suddenly I heard a great noise in the street. I came out to know what was happening. I saw two men hitting each other with blows. They were neighbours. A crowd had gathered around them. No one tried to separate them. They were rather enjoying. But I could not control myself. I moved forward and separated them by catching hold of one of them. Later I came to know of the cause of the quarrel. One of them had thrown the rubbish of his house in the street. By chance it fell in front of the gate of the other and the quarrel started. He began to abuse the other. An old man passing by them advised them not to quarrel and requested them to go to their respective houses.

### (Section- C)

### Grammar

(15Mark)

**Q.6 Write the proper Non-finite form of the given verb in each sentence:**

(i) The book was easy to read . (read)

(ii) I saw him leaving (lave) the office.

**Q.7 Combine the following pairs of sentences, using the connectors given in the brackets :**

(i) You should wait her. I shall return soon. (Until)

(ii) He is very poor. He cannot buy the books. (since) 2

**Ans:** (i) You should wait here until i return.

(ii) He cannot buy the books since he is very poor.

**Q.8 Combine the following pairs of sentences using clauses, (what and where)**

(i) She is doing something. No one knows it.

(ii) He went away somewhere. I do not know this. 2

**Ans:** (i) No one knows what she is doing.

(ii) I do not know where he went away.

**Q.9 Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:** 2

**can, could, may, must**

(i) We must obey the rules of the road.

(ii) I am sure they could succeed.

(iii) My uncle can speak five language.

(iv) You may go now.

**Q.10 (a) Rearrange the following jumbled words:**

(i) breeds familiarity much comtempt Too.

(ii) and steady Slow the race wins. 1

**(b) Change the Narration:**

(i) I said to the students, "The sun is stationary."

(ii) He said to me, "I have received your letter." 2

**(c) Change voice**

(i) The thief stole a number of things.

(ii) Were they misguiding you ? 1

**Ans:** (a) Jumbled Words:-

(i) Too much familiar breeds contempt.

(ii) Slow and steady wins the race.

(b) Narration:-

(i) I told the students that the sun is stationary.

(ii) He told me that he had received my letter.

(c) Change the voice:-

(i) A number of things were stolen by the thief.

(ii) Were you being misguided by them ?

**11. Do as directed any three of the following:-**

(i) He killed the snake. (Change into negative)

(ii) I go to see the fair. ( Change into Past Indefinite Tense)

(iii) I have done my work. (Change into Past Perfect Tense)

(iv) What a nice book it is ! (Change into Assertive) **3**

**Ans:** Do as directed :-

(i) He did not kill the snake.

(ii) I went to see the fair.

(iii) I had done my work.

(iv) It is a nice book.

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(Section- D)

Literature

12. Read the extract given below and answer the question that follow: 5

The field-----have no corn."

**Questions:**

**Q.1** Name the chapter and its writer.

**Ans:** The name of the chapter is "A letter to God". The writer is G.L. Fuentes.

**Q.2** What had made the field white ?

**Ans:** The hail stones had made the field white.

**Q.3** What had happened to the trees ?

**Ans:** No leaf remained on the trees.

**Q.4** How was the corn destroyed ?

**Ans:** The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants.

**Q.5** What filled Lencho's soul with sadness ?

**Ans:** The destruction caused by the hail stones on Lencho's srop filled Lencho's soul with sadness.

13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows: 5

I made ----- it overflows.

**Questions:**

**Q.1** For whom the author made a body-belt ?

**Ans:** Author mad a body-belt for otter (Mijbil)

**Q.2** What happened in the bathroom ?

**Ans:** He enjoyed for half an hour in the water , plunging and rolling in it.

**Q.3** What is a characteristirc of otters ?

**Ans:** The love to play in water , mischevious a bowl must at once be overturned .

**Q.4** What would an otter do not a bowl of water ?

**Ans:** It will try to overturn it or if it will not be overturned, he will sit in and splash it until it overflows.

**Q.5** Find in the passage words that means"

(i) jumping quickly

(ii) a typical quality

**Ans:** (i) Plunging

(ii) Charcteristic

**14. Write a note on the climate and natural wealth of Coorg.**

**Ans:** Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka. It looks like a piece of heaven. It is home of evergreen rain forests, spices and coffee plantations. There are heavy rains during the monsoons. Evergreen forests cover thirty percent of land. The river Kaveri obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaser - a large fresh water fish - abounds inthese waters. Wildlife of Coorg includes kingfishers, squirrels, langurs, loris and elephants. From September to March the weather is perfect. The air breathes of invigorating coffee.

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OR

**What does Mandela say about the policy of apartheid ?**

**Ans:** Mandela says that the policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in his country and his people. It was such a deep wound that all of them would take many years, if not generations to recover from. The people of South Africa had to suffer decades of oppression and brutality. This had another unintended effect. It produced men of extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity among the blacks. The deeper the oppression the stronger the character that suffers it. Mandela says that his country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but its greatest wealth is its people who are finer and truer than the purest diamonds. The policy of apartheid practiced by the whites brought to light these purest diamonds among the blacks of South Africa.

**15. What made Lencho angry ?**

**Ans:** Lencho wrote a letter to God for help. The postmaster laughed to see the letter. But he had to admit that the writer had a firm faith in God. So, he decided to answer it to shake his faith. But when he opened the letter, he was moved to read it. Lencho needed money. So the postmaster asked his employees and friends to contribute. He himself contributed a part of his salary. They sent it to Lencho.

When Lencho opened the letter and saw the money, he was happy but not surprised. But when he counted the money, he got angry. There were only 70 pesos in it. He thought that post office men had played a trick upon him. They had taken away 30 pesos from it. So, he wrote another letter to God requesting him to send 30 pesos more as he needed them

badly. But he wrote that the money should not be sent through the post office because the post office employees were a bunch of crooks.

**OR**

**Relate briefly the first quarrel between Lomov and Natalya.**

**Ans:** Lomov comes to Chubukov's house to propose to his daughter Natalya. But Lomov is very nervous to propose to Natalya. So, instead of proposing, he starts talking irrelevantly. He says that he inherited his land from his late aunt. Then he says that his Oxen Meadows touch Natalya's Birchwoods. This starts arguments between him and Natalya. Natalya says the Oxen Meadows are not his, "Oxen Meadows are not yours, they are ours." A hot argument breaks out between the two. At this point Chubukov comes in. He too joins in the arguments. He accuses Lomov of misbehaving with him who is twice his age. He calls Lomov a grabber. Chubukov retorts calling him a pettifogger. Lomov threatens to take the matter to the court. Very soon they start abusing each other. Lomov says that Chubukov's grandfather was tried for embezzlement. Chubukov says that Lomovs are lunatics. Lomov's grandfather was a drunkard. His younger aunt had run away with an architect. The quarrel becomes very hot. Lomov begins to feel nervous and staggers out of Chubukov's house and the proposal remains unmade.

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**16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3**

**Questions:**

(i) Name the poem and the poet.

Ans: Name of Poem-The Ball Poem. Poet- John Berryman

(ii) What was the reaction of the boy at the loss of his ball ?

Ans: The boy who has lost his ball is very upset. He becomes a picture of grief.

(iii) Where was the boy staring down ?

Ans: He is staring into the harbour where his ball went.

**17. Answer any two of the following questions: 5**

(i) What does Frost say has changed his mind ?

Ans: According to the Poet even the simple incidents have the power to bring big changes in our way of thinking. They can change our mind our our life. They can inspire us.

Frost presents nature both in its brighter and darker aspects. The snow covered objects on the earth look beautiful. But the crow is an ugly bird. Similarly the hemlock tree represent sorrow.

(ii) What does Whitman observe about animals ?

Ans: Walt Whitman wishes to live with animals because he finds certain virtues in them. He thinks that animals are calm and cool and are seldom agitated. They are contented and do not have many desires. They lead a much peaceful life. On the

other hand, man spends sleepless nights in his greed to a mass wealth and fulfill his selfish motives.

(iii) Write the central idea of the Poem "The Trees".

Ans: The poet wants to make man aware of his callous and selfish behaviour. Man should not empty the forest and bring the trees inside to decorate his interior. Imprisoned in the houses, the trees feel suffocated and restless. There is neither enough space nor light for their growth. So, we must take them out in the open and let them live happily in their natural habitat - the forests.

**18. Give a brief character-sketch of Tricki.**

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**Ans:** Tricki was a little dog. His mistress was wealthy. She loved him like her son. He was given princely luxuries. He had a number of beds, clothes, bowls for different occasions. The dog was very greedy. He never refuses a meal any time of the day or night. He loved cream cakes and chocolates. Despite the Vet's advice, Mrs. Pumphrey fed him all favourite dishes. This over indulgence made Tricki fat and lazy. He had little exercise. He had bouts of vomiting. His mistress swooned when the Vet separated her from the dog. After the treatment the dog became stronger. The dog, too, loved her mistress. He expressed it by licking her face.

**OR**

**What makes you think that Griffin was a lawless person.**

**Ans:** Griffin had scientific skills and knowledge. But he was not a true scientist. He misused his scientific discovery of

becoming invisible and created trouble for others. In fact the list of his unlawful activities is quite long. He set fire to his landlord's house when the latter tried to eject him. He used things in the London store and took away hat, glasses, bandage from the theatrical shop without paying them. He attacked the shopkeeper from behind and robbed him for his money. He stole cash from the clergyman's desk at the village of Iping. He terrorised Mrs. Hall with his hat and chair and knocked the policeman Mr. Jaffers unconscious. True scientists never indulge in such unlawful activities. They work for the benefit of people and do not become a nuisance like Griffin.

**19. Why did Bholi look at Bishamber with cold contempt ? 4**

**Ans:** Bholi's parents accepted Bishambar's marriage proposal. Bishamber was a rich grocer. He had a big shop and a house. Moreover, he did not demand any dowry. But he was about forty five years old. He was a widower and had children from his first wife. He limped also. Bholi also accepted the unusual match. She did not want to bring disgrace to the family. But on the marriage day when he was about to garland Bholi, he saw pockmarks on her face. He refused to marry her. He also demanded five thousand rupees for dowry Bholi's father placed his turban at Bishamber's feet and requested him not to humiliate him. But Bishamber was adamant. Bholi's father gave him five thousand rupees to save his family's honour. But Bholi refused to marry a mean and greedy fellow. She threw the garland Bishamber had in his hands to put round Bholi's neck into the fire. She asked her father to take the money back. She won't marry such a hateful man. Thus, she look at him with cold contempt.

**OR**

**Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book' ?**

**Ans:** The 20th century was called the Era of the Book because there were books about every things from ant eaters to Zulus. Books taught people 'how to', when to and 'why do'. There were books on all possible topics.

**20. How did Griffin escape from the London store ?                      2**

**Ans:** The shop assistants ran after Griffin when he tried to escape. Griffin started taking off his new found clothes. He became invisible and couldn't caught. Thus, he was able to escape.

**OR**

**Why was Matilda unhappy ?**

**Ans:** Matilda wanted to live a life of richness. She was unhappy because she had no dowry, no hope, no means of becoming known. She was extremely beautiful. She wanted to be loved by rich men. But she was born in a poor family and married to a petty clerk. So, she was always unhappy.

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