

General Instructions

- The Question paper is divided into three sections: Section A – Reading 20 marks Section B – Writing and Grammar 30 marks Section C – Literature Textbooks and Extended Reading Text 30 marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION :A (READING)

1. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow:

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- (1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. ‘Floating Post Office, Dal Lake’ – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
- (2) This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.
- (3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as ‘Floating Post Office’.
- (4) The post office’s houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.
- (5) But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.
- (6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office !

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read : 1’8 = 8

(i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?

- (a) On dal lake
- (b) Near centaur
- (c) On Pari Mahal

(ii) What is special about the seal used in the post office?

- (a) design of a houseboat on the Dal Lake
- (b) design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake

(c) design of a chinar tree on the Dal Lake

iii) The post office is helpful in promoting tourism _____

(iv) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?

- (a) Chief Postmaster
- (b) Postman
- (c) Delivery agent

(v) The two rooms of the post office are used for _____

(vi) The post office is beneficial to the locals _____

(vii) What is the greatest fear that the post office has ?

- (a) Floods
- (b) Earthquakes
- (c) Tsunami

(viii) How is the post office a big boon to the people?

- (a) You do not need fan
- (b) You need airconditioning
- (c) You do not need heater

(ix) The flood came in the year _____ in Kashmir valley

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:

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(1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

(2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

(3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

(4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes. Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit

a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words .

2×4 = 8

- (i) How are Smart phones helpful in communication?
- (ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation?
- (iii) How can Mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers'?
- (iv) Give two demerits of mobile phones?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following :

1 ×4 = 4

- (i) In para 1, synonym of 'innovation' is _____.
(i) production (ii) sincerity (iii) invention (iv) prevention
- (ii) Mobile internet can provide access to:
(i) telegram (ii) emails (iii) schools (iv) university
- (iii) Meaning of the word 'adverse' in para 4 is:
(i) positive (ii) negative (iii) admirable (iv) unguided
- (iv) According to the passage, one can opt for _____ plan if prepaid plan doesn't suit.
(i) yearly (ii) weekly (iii) monthly (iv) daily

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3: Write a letter to the in-charge of text-books section of NCERT, New Delhi complaining about the non-availability of text books even one month after beginning of new session. You are Rohit Rana reading in St. Xavier's school, Delhi. 8

OR

You have noticed that the number of vehicles is steadily increasing in your city. There are long traffic jams causing a lot of inconvenience to the road users. Write an article in 100 –120 words on the topic, 'Problem of Traffic Jams in Metropolitan Cities'. You are Renu/Rajan.

4: Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it. 10

Rahul was alone at home. Suddenly the phone rang

OR

Mukesh, the grocer, was very greedy. He would mix stones in pulses and coloured sand in spices and sell them to the poor villagers. The villagers complained to him but he turned a deaf ear to them, as his was the only grocery store in the village. The villagers, then decided ...

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow – 4

The story of (a) _____ Pashtun merchant from Kabul, (b) _____ comes to Kolkata, each year for selling dry-fruits. He (c) _____ friends with a five year old girl Mini (d) _____ a middle class aristocratic family as she reminds him of his daughter who lives in Kabul.

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| a). i.the | ii.an |
| iii.a | iv.some |
| b). i.who | ii. An |
| iii.whose | iv. Her |
| c). i.becomes | ii.became |
| iii.become | iv.has become |
| d). i.for | ii.in |
| iii.from | iv.to |

6.The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a numeral is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

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	Error	Correction
a) In a kingdom of fools , the	_____	_____
b) King or the minister were foolish.	_____	_____
c) Under their rule peoples worked	_____	_____
d) during the night but slept during the day.	_____	_____

7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.1X4 = 4

- (a) of the residents / becomes a / it reflects / a house / the personality / home when /
 (b) has to look / no rules / how our / there are / as to / home /
 (c) thing is / inhabiting them / should enjoy / the important / that we /
 (d) about / houses are / our lives / personal statements /

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two sentences only. 4

At the age of twenty two ,a former 'scout of the year' excited the scientific world with a new theory on how cells work. Richard H. Ebright and his college room-mate explained the theory in an article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

- a. Who excited the scientific world with a theory on how cells work?
 - i. Dr.Urquhart
 - ii. James R.Wong
 - iii. Mr.Weiharer
 - iv. Richard E.Bright

- b. How was the theory explained?
 - i. In a book
 - ii. In an article
 - iii. In a file
 - iv. In a question

- c. The theory was explained in the proceedings of _____

- d. Give the antonym of 'former'
 - i. Latter
 - ii. later

- iii. earlier
- iv. sooner

OR

*I stand and look at them long and long
They do not sweat and whine about their
condition*

Questions :

- a. 'They' in the above lines are _____
 - i. Human beings
 - ii. Animals
 - iii. The poets
 - iv. The audience

- b. The author keeps looking at them for long because he _____
 - i. Never finds them unhappy or dissatisfied
 - ii. Finds them calm and peaceful
 - iii. Feels more at home with them
 - iv. All of the above

- c. They are unlike human beings who are _____
 - i. Always complaining
 - ii. Calm and quiet
 - iii. Contented
 - iv. Not prone to anger

- d. The synonym of 'cry' in the above passage is _____

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each

2x5=10

- a) Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded?
- b) Bholi was a neglected child. Explain
- c) Why does Wanda's house remind Maddie of Wanda's blue dress?
- d) How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay?
- e) Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer?

10. Give the character-sketch of Nelson Mandela.

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OR

Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these short comings?

11. Richard Ebright displayed a well-rounded personality. Do you agree? Elucidate in the context of the given text.

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OR

Give a character-sketch of Griffin. Why did his discovery of invisibility make the brilliant scientist a lawless person who brought sufferings to himself and the people around him?

SECTION :A (READING)

1.1 i. a)

ii. b)

iii. as the letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city

iv. a)

v. one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department

vi. Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

vii. a)

viii. a)

ix. 2014

2.1

a) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money.

b) Through mobile phones ,young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

c) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

d) Demerits :

- i. The young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it.
- ii. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

2.2 .a)iii Invention

b).ii. emails

c).ii.negative

d).iii.monthly

SECTION - B (WRITING and Grammar)

3. Letter/Article Writing

Letter

Objective: - To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal/an informal letter

Format - 1 Mark

- i. sender's address
- ii. date
- iii. receiver's address
- iv. subject/Heading
- v. salutation
- vi. closing

Content - 4 Marks

Expression: 3 Marks (*coherence, relevance of ideas (1½ mark)*
(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings (1½ mark)*
(*Value points are suggested in the Question paper itself*)

OR

Article

Format - 1 Mark

Title– ½ mark & name of the writer – ½ mark

Content- 4Marks(*any other relevant point besides the hints given*)

Expression- 3Marks

coherence and relevance of ideas and style –1½ mark
grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings – 1½ mark
(*Value points are suggested in the Question paper itself*)

4. Story Writing :

Title & Moral - 1

Content - 4

Expression -5

(*coherence, relevance of ideas*) (2½ marks)

(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings*) (2½ marks)

Suggested value points: (The beginning of the story is given in the question)

Or

Title & Moral - 1

Content - 4

Expression-5

(*coherence, relevance of ideas*) (2½ marks)

(*Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings*) (2½ marks)

Suggested value points :(Hints given in the question)

5. Fill in the blanks:

- a) iii. a
- b) i.who
- c) becomes
- d) iii.from

6.	error	correction
a)	a	the
b)	or	and
c)	peoples	people's
d)	but	and

7. Jumbled words:

- A house becomes a home when it reflects the personality of the residents.
- There are no rules as to how our home has to look.
- The important thing is that we should enjoy inhabiting them.
- Houses are personal statement about our lives.

**SECTION C
(LITERATURE)**

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- iv. Richard
- ii. in an article
- National Academic of Science
- i. Latter

OR

- ii. animals
- iv. all of the above
- i. always complaining
- whine

9. Short answer questions:

- Bakers used to record the monthly account on some walls with pencil. We still find this practice followed by panwallahs in many towns and villages in India. The panwallah write monthly dues account on their shops walls.
- Bholi was the youngest daughter . She suffered some damage in brain due to fall and she was slow in learning things. Due to small pox , her face had pock marks. So, she was not loved so much by her family and nobody cared for her.
- Wanda's house was a little one up on the hill. There were dry grasses all around it but no sign of life could be seen near it. The surroundings looked shabby but clean. This reminded Maddie of Wanda's faded blue dress which looked clean but shabby as if it was never ironed.
- Anne justified her being a Chatterbox in her essay. She agreed that talking is a student's trait. She would never be able to cure herself of the habit. He mother talked as much as she did if not more. She promised to do her best to keep her habit of talking under control. However, not much can be done about inherited traits.
- Hari Singh thought Anil's job was queer as Anil made living by writing for magazines in which there was no steady income. Money was earned in intervals and not on regular basis.

10. Long answer questions:

Nelson Mandela is a great patriot. He loves his country and countrymen. For him, the greatest wealth of South Africa is her people. He has a sacrificing nature. He sacrificed his life of comfort,

family and home and plunged into the struggle for freedom. He believes in equality for all. He opposed the rule of Apartheid for which he was declared an outlaw. He was oppressed and tortured in jail for several years but he never broke. It shows his traits of tolerance, courage and perseverance.

OR

Yes, It is true that fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things as in the story, the young seagull lacked the value of courage and confidence in his character. He was too scared of flying. His family tried hard to make him fly but he refused to do so because of his fear of sinking in the seawater. They even scolded him for his cowardice. They tried to tempt him with food but he was not willing to learn flying. Once he dived, his fear disappeared and he enjoyed his first flight. It is a fact that unless we try for something and overcome our fear, we can't learn anything. Confidence and motivation are two most important traits that make any learning possible.

11. Richard's genius was obvious by the time he was in his second grade. He managed to collect all twenty-five. Species of butterflies around his hometown and classify them. He also loved to collect coins, fossils and rocks. Science was not his only passion. He was an active member of his school's oratory club and model United Nations club and was an effective debater and a public speaker. He loved photography as well. He was an enthusiastic canoeist and an all-around outdoors person. Learning was easy for him. So he found it simple to devote time and energy to many other interests. He became a champion in whatever he did. He believed in the spirit of competition to win. But, he did not wish to defeat others just to win. He wanted to win to do his best. Thus, he displayed a well-rounded personality.

OR

Griffin was a brilliant and competent scientist. He discovered that the human body could become invisible and transparent as a sheet of glass. It was the result of his long and constant experimentation. However, he misused his discovery only for his personal gains, committing theft and burglaries and beating and robbing innocent persons. He could have earned fame and respect had he utilised his great discovery for the welfare of humanity. But activities made him a lawless person and an anarchist. Griffin proved how the misuse of science and its great discoveries can be misused. An eccentric scientist can degenerate himself into a lawless anarchist. He can become devilish and a disaster for himself and society. Lawlessness and anarchist behaviour make him a homeless wanderer, without clothes and money. He has to remain without clothes even in the chilly weather of mid-winter to remain invisible. He has to make illegal entries and burglaries in a clergyman's house, a big store in London and a shop in Drury Lane. This brings him to disrepute and dishonour instead of fame and respect.