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**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A- READING (20 marks)**

I Read the passage given below.

- 1 Food on the table is a very warm sight, but only a few take preparation of the same as an art. That's why the last room in the darkest corner of the house has always been reserved for the kitchen. Most of the time, compared to other rooms, kitchens would be smaller in size and least furnished. Kitchens used to be women's space, especially in traditional households where the joint family system was the order of the family structure, the women in the houses are supposed to cook and bring the food to the dining area where men and guests usually eat. In some of the cases, women are implicitly expected to have their food in the kitchen itself.
2. At least 86% of the newly built houses even in urban areas have smaller kitchens than master bedrooms. The percentage of people preferring a well-ventilated kitchen over a well-ventilated bedroom is less than 25%. In rural areas at least 50% of the old generation houses and not less than 30% of the newly built houses have no kitchens inside the walled areas or the preliminary construction. Statistics also show that not even 10% of the people invest in furnishing their kitchens the way they do with their drawing rooms.
3. As changes happened in all walks of life and gender roles changed elsewhere, in the kitchen as well men's participation increased. In the present world, our greatest chefs are men; this has a whole socio-cultural explication but quite interesting is how architecture and our sense of space management got meddled in, especially in households.
4. In earlier days, when the joint family system used to be the order, there used to be a lot of people in the house such that, at the same time when somebody is cooking, there would be enough people to engage the guests as well. And not accidentally, the people in the front used to be men and people in the kitchens used to be women.
5. Now in the modern nuclear family days, there aren't enough people to allocate to kitchen works and guest entertaining duties separately in individual houses, so only option is for the same people to do both. For this, either one has to take the guest to the kitchen or bring the kitchen to the guest. The second option gets its material form when in modern day architecture, the kitchen is integrated to dining space. The traditional gender roles also got transgressed at some point. When in earlier days cooking remained a women's job and entertaining the guest was the men's job, these days participation is equal from men and women for these activities.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions.

- i. Identify whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.  
A part of the house which is very important but in providing space it is mostly neglected is the storeroom for the kitchen.
- ii. Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
1. More people prefer larger kitchens than bedrooms in their houses.
  2. A lot of people take preparation of food as an art.
  3. Over the course of time, men's participation in the kitchen has increased.
  4. Kitchen is integrated into the dining space in modern day architecture.
- A. 1 & 2                      B. 3 & 4                      C. 2 & 3                      D. 1 & 4
- iii. Which word has the same meaning as 'intervene', in paragraph 3?
- A. Change                      B. Participate                      C. Explicate                      D. Meddle
- iv. "... in modern day architecture, the kitchen is integrated to dining space." What is the reason for this statement?
- A. In individual nuclear families, there aren't enough members to separately manage guests and kitchen works.
  - B. The traditional gender roles also got transgressed at some point, so women started revolting for kitchen-centred architecture.
  - C. Participation in household works became naturally equal as time passed.
  - D. It happened as a result of architectural innovations which happened in the modern era.
- v. In the earlier days who was in the front of the house and who was in the kitchen?
- A. Men in the front, women in the kitchens                      B. Women in the front, men in the kitchens  
C. Both shared front and kitchens                      D. None of these
- vi. Based on the data given in Para 2, which combination given below is right?
1. Only 14 % of the newly built houses in urban areas have bigger kitchens than master bedrooms.
  2. More than 30% of the newly built houses in rural and urban areas have no kitchens inside the walled areas.
  3. 90% of the people invest in furnishing their kitchens the way they do with their drawing rooms.
  4. The percentage of people preferring a well-ventilated kitchen over a well-ventilated bedroom is less than 25%.
- A. 1 & 2                      B. 3 & 4                      C. 1 & 4                      D. 2 & 4
- vii. 'In the present world, our greatest chefs are men.' Which assumption, as based on this statement, is TRUE ?
- A. When it comes to professionalism, men are superior to women, even in doing women's jobs.
  - B. This has nothing to do with gender. It must have happened due to preferences of individuals and other favourable situations.
  - C. When it comes to doing things at larger levels, women fail to excel.
  - D. This is clearly because the world favours men over women, even though any woman can cook food better than any man.
- viii. The image above shows the search result of "richest celebrity chefs in the world". Which paragraph makes a statement that corresponds to this search result?



- A. Paragraph 1      B. Paragraph 4      C. Paragraph 2      D. Paragraph 3

- ix. Mention any two points about what guest-entertaining duties in modern homes would include.
- x. Make a sentence using the word ‘reserved’ in the same context as is used in the passage.
- xi. Select the appropriate ANTONYM of ‘implicitly’ from those given below.  
 A. Essentially      B. Directly      C. Totally      D. Basically

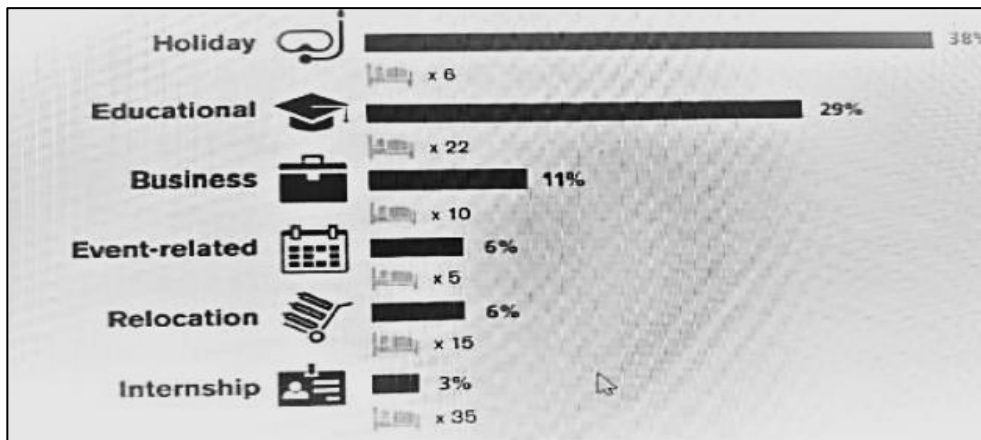
II Read the passage given below. (1x10)

1. Home stays initially grew in popularity as a way for language, cultural or student travellers to immerse themselves in the local culture of a town or city. But in the last few years, thanks in part to online aggregators that specialize in connecting guests and hosts, the profile of the typical home stay traveller has changed significantly. As indicated by the research by PhoCus Wright’s U.S. Consumer Travel Report Sixth Edition while students still account for 29% of home stay guests, nearly half of all home stay guests travel for leisure.



2. A home stay is an increasingly popular form of accommodation that connects guests with individual hosts who have opened their homes to travellers. Guests don’t stay in an empty apartment or home, but instead share the accommodations provided by the homeowner and his or her family. Home stays are a popular lodging option for consumers of all ages who want a more personalized, immersive and authentic travel experience. The key to a great home stay experience for both host and guest is about not only finding the right home, but also the right person. In other words, finding the right match. While some guests are seeking an immersive and cultural experience, others might simply want good quality, affordable accommodations in the right location with a host they get along with. Similarly, some hosts will want to spend hours chatting with guests over a meal while others will prefer guests who are more independent.
3. According to research presented in PhoCus Wright’s U.S. Consumer Travel Report Sixth Edition:

77% of next-generation travellers chose a home or apartment rental for lodging. The top reasons for choosing a rental over a hotel include: • Home like amenities • More space • Multiple rooms • Multiple travellers • Value for money and • A perfect fit for Millennial Holiday. The home stay traveller is most likely to be on holiday - 38% of our respondents indicated that they were traveling for leisure. The graph below depicts the motivations of home stay traveller.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. In the line “.....thanks in part to online aggregators that specialize in connecting...”, the word ‘aggregator’ does not refer to...
  - A. Web based collector of information about a topic
  - B. Web based banking
  - C. Web based application to gather and provide data
  - D. Website based communication about a particular topic
  
- ii. According to research presented in PhoCus Wright’s U.S. Consumer Travel Report Sixth Edition \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. almost 50% of home stay guests travel for leisure
  - B. almost 50% of home stay guests are students
  - C. almost 29% of students travel for leisure
  - D. nearly 29% of home stay guests travel for leisure
  
- iii. One of the elements that is important to a home stay is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. guests are required to spend time with owners
  - B. guests stay with the homeowners of the house in a cheap place with basic amenities
  - C. guests have to cook their own food
  - D. guests stay in a cheap place with basic amenities
  
- iv. Rita might have to shift to Goa if she accepts offer for a new job. However, she wants to experience the culture, meet people, interact with them and get a feel of the place before she makes the final decision. Which type of accommodation should she stay at?
 

A. A five-star hotel	B. Hostels
C. Home stay	D. Guesthouse
  
- v. As per data of all the people who opt for home stays, the ones who like it the most are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. those who travel for fun or education
  - B. those who travel for education or business
  - C. those who travel for business or events
  - D. those who travel for relocation or internship

- vi. Why do guests book home stays? They have certain requirements. Identify the top three in correct order as per the passage.
- |    |                      |                         |                         |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. | 1) Homely atmosphere | 2) Location of the stay | 3) Affordable           |
| B. | 1) Ease of access    | 2) Affordable           | 3) Homely atmosphere    |
| C. | 1) Homely atmosphere | 2) Local experience     | 3) Learn about cultures |
| D. | 1) Affordable        | 2) Local experience     | 3) Location of the stay |
- vii. According to the report, what percentage of people who travel for some type of work prefer home stay?
- A. 14                                      B. 11                                      C. 3                                      D. 6
- viii. Choose the option that is NOT TRUE as per the report.
- A. Home stays are the new alternative of stay for travellers  
 B. Home stays are affordable and a great option for budget travellers  
 C. Home stays are often in far corners and there difficult to locate  
 D. Home stays offer vast space and a home like environment
- ix. A home stay owner and guest are required to have dinners and long conversations with each other.
- A. True                                      B. False  
 C. It depends on the owner and guest                                      D. It is not mentioned in the passage
- x. What will be the most appropriate conclusion of the passage?
- A. Home stay is the new exciting means of staying  
 B. Home stays offer a unique travel experience immersed in culture  
 C. Home stays is a good option to stay only for students  
 D. Home stays cannot find ways to accommodate needs of different traveller

### III

#### SECTION B- GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

1. The following question has been given in direct speech. Select the option which best expresses the same sentence in indirect speech.
- The teacher said to Mahesh, "Congratulations! Wish you success in life."*
- A. The teacher congratulated Mahesh and said wish you success in life.  
 B. The teacher wished congratulations and success in life to Mahesh.  
 C. The teacher said congratulations to Mahesh and wished him success in life.  
 D. The teacher congratulated Mahesh and wished him success in life.
2. Choose the option which combines the two given sentences appropriately.
- They were sure to visit the town. The location of the town was little known.*
- A. They were sure to visit the town which location was little known.  
 B. They were sure to visit the town of what location was little known.  
 C. They were sure to visit the town where the location was little known.  
 D. They were sure to visit the town whose location was little known.
3. Choose the option with the words in the right order to complete the sentence given below.
- I wonder how Grishma knows \_\_\_\_\_.*
- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| A. how it weighs much. | B. how much it weighs. |
| C. it weighs how much. | D. how it much weighs. |
4. Alexander Fleming, \_\_\_\_\_ received the Nobel Prize in 1945.
- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. who discovered penicillin   | C. he discovered penicillin   |
| B. which discovered penicillin | D. that discovered penicillin |

5. We \_\_\_\_\_ along the road for about 20 minutes when a car stopped and the driver offered us a lift.  
 A. were walking      B. was walking      C. walked      D. had been walking
6. The bunch of flowers that she (want) to buy (be) very expensive.  
 A. Want, be      B. Wants, being      C. Wants, is      D. Wanted, to be
7. The following question has been given in indirect speech. Select the option which best expresses the same sentence in direct speech.  
 "Would you mind taking off your shoes before entering the house?" He said to the visitor.  
 A. He requested the visitor to take off his shoes before entering the house.  
 B. He told the visitor that he must take off his shoes before entering the house.  
 C. He said to the visitor that to take off his shoes before entering the house.  
 D. Before entering the house he said that shoes must be taken off.
8. Identify the error in the given sentence, from newspaper report and supply the correction.  
 As far as climate change is concern, South Asia is the world's most sensitive area.  
 Use the given format for your response.
- | Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
|       |            |
9. Riya: I'm so glad I found the keys.  
 Dad: Yes, I would have been stuck if you \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
 A. wouldn't find      B. haven't found      C. hadn't found      D. couldn't find
10. Suraj \_\_\_\_\_ his leg while he \_\_\_\_\_ football.  
 A. broke, was playing      B. was breaking, was playing  
 C. was breaking, played      D. broke, played
11. The baby has just gone to sleep. You \_\_\_\_\_ make any noise.  
 A. mustn't      B. don't have to      C. couldn't      D. needn't
12. Radhika : Which shirt do you want for the festival?  
 Sharang : Either \_\_\_\_\_ fine with me.  
 A. are      B. one      C. is      D. not

**SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (25 marks)**

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

IV Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (3)

A. You are the Cultural Secretary of Anand Vihar, Agra. You have been asked to inform students of Class VI to XII about a Dramatics Competition based on classic plays of William Shakespeare. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words with necessary details.

**OR**

B. Every year in the central park of the city, a Flower Show is organised in the month of February. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice informing the students about the show and advising them to visit it. You are Jaspreet, Head Boy, Blossom Public School, Surat.

V Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A. Kerala presented the tableau of 'Nari Shakti' and folk traditions of women empowerment in the Republic Day parade held this year. It portrayed Karthyayani Amma, the winner of Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2020 as the symbol of women empowerment. Amma topped the literacy examination at the age of 96.

You have read Sudha Murthy's 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read' which focuses on

Krishtakka's struggle to become literate at the age of 62.

Create a dialogue in which Sudha Murthy and Karthyayani Amma converse about the challenges Amma faced and how Sudha Murthy had observed her grandmother struggle in her pursuit to become literate.



Karthyayani Amma



Republic Day Tableau

**OR**

- B. Mohit, a college student recently donated blood at a special camp organized by his institute. He is quite happy with his newly gained knowledge about the Do's and Don'ts of blood donation. He meets his friend Jatin, a senior school student who is scared of needles, and so naturally, with the concept of donating blood.

Draft a dialogue between the two friends wherein Mohit educates Jatin about his wrong notions. He dispels all his doubts and fears regarding blood donation. He further explains its benefits for the donor and the beneficiary.



- VI Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- A. "Teenagers are never too young to teach others a thing or two - be it about technology or environment".

As Shirin/Sharad write an informal letter to your grandparent on this topic highlighting your experience as an adolescent. Write in about 120 words.

**OR**

- B. The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit." - Ken Doherty.

You believe that more lessons are learnt on the sports field than in the classroom. In this regard, write an informal letter to your friend expressing your views. Write in about 120 words.

- VII Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- A. Adventure sports are defined as sports or extreme sport activities undertaken through the medium of land, water and air and perceived as involving a high degree of risk. Adventure sports provide amusement, excitement and a sense of achievement encourages creativity. These sports encourage the creativity of an individual.

Write a paragraph in 150 words elaborating on the many benefits of adventure sports in the development of an individual's personality. Provide a suitable title. (MCB Unit- Adventure)

Use the hints given below.

- Help Fight Phobias
- Explore Your Potential
- Effective Stress Buster
- Enhances Mental Strength
- Creates A Strong Confidence

**OR**

- B. The theme of the recently concluded G20 Summit was ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ (Group of Twenty (G20) is the leading forum for international economic cooperation. It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues.) The vision of the theme ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ ‘One Earth One Family One Future’ holds more significance today than ever before as the greatest challenges that the world faces today, such as climate change, terrorism, and the recent pandemic, can only be solved by acting together rather than fighting against each other.
- Write a paragraph giving a suitable title in 150 words. In it, describe how the implementation of this maxim or proverb can help to solve the problems the world faces today. Also, what should each citizen of the world need to do to create an ideal future for all.

**SECTION C- LITERATURE (25 marks)**

VIII Reference to the Context

(4)

Attempt ANY ONE of two given extracts.

- A *“When, after a hard morning’s work cleaning out our hut, we listened in silence to the Orderly Officer’s praise, the Professor would break out with a ringing, dutifully beaming, “Thank you, sir!” And how superior, how condescending he was. It was always, “Let me show you, fellow,” or “No, you’ll ruin your rifle, that way, old man.”*
- i. Why did Private Quelch behave with his superiors in a manner different from other cadets?  
ii. The phrases which express that Private Quelch was always cheerful are \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. What could be the possible reason for the difference in the response of all other cadets and the Professor?  
iv. Give the synonym of the word ‘condescending’.

A. respectful                      B. humble                      C. superior                      D. empathetic

**OR**

- B *“She said, “I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter; a teacher who taught me so well, with so much of affection that I can read any novel confidently in such a short period. Now I am independent. It is my duty to respect a teacher. Is it not written in our scriptures that a teacher should be respected, irrespective of the gender and age? I did return namaskara to her by touching her feet and gave my gift to my first student. She opened it and read the title Kashi Yatre by Triveni and the publisher’s name immediately. I knew, then, that my student had passed with flying colours.”*
- i. What is unusual in Avva saying ‘I am touching the feet of a teacher’?  
A. She said it with a sarcastic tone, so did not intend what she spoke.  
B. She spoke with absolute humility and gratitude, meaning each word she spoke.  
C. For others to listen, she spoke in a humble tone, but was insincere in her approach.  
D. She could prophesy or foretell events, she could see her granddaughter’s future.
- ii. “A teacher should be respected irrespective of gender and age.” Select the quote that suggests a reason for this sentiment.  
A. Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education.  
B. A teacher aims to give equal attention to all the students.  
C. A teacher elevates the mind and gives energy to the character.  
D. Teaching is a profession that teaches all other professions.
- iii. Select the option that fits with the reaction of the characters in the context of the extract.
- Eg. Sudha Murthy : granddaughter :: Krishtakka : grandmother**  
Teacher : Respected :: Student : \_\_\_\_\_



- iv. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'passed with flying colours'.
- A. be happy  
C. to throw colours in the sky
- B. be colourful  
D. be highly successful

IX Attempt ANY ONE of two given extracts.

(3)

A

*"Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same"*

- i. What does the poet's decision of taking the less travelled road signify?
- A. poet's risk taking habit  
C. poet's curiosity to merely visit
- B. arrogance of the poet  
D. poet's ignorance
- ii. The second road had better claim as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. it had been lying waste  
C. it needed to be explored by someone else
- B. it was attractive with green grassy carpet  
D. it was the call of his heart or conscience
- iii. Fill in the gap-
1. The rhyme scheme of this stanza is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The figure of speech used in line 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. abaab , Metaphor  
C. abaab, Simile
- B. ababc, Apostrophe  
D. abaac, Simile

B

*"Last scene of all,  
That ends this strange eventful history,  
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."*

- i. Read the two statements given below and select the option that suitably explains what the poet intends to convey through the above lines.
1. Old age and its associated problems  
2. The stages yet to come in childhood
- A. (1) is True and (2) is also True  
C. (1) summarises (2)
- B. (1) is False and (2) is True  
D. (1) is True and (2) is False
- ii. In line 1, the poet uses the word 'scene' to convey \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. What does the poet intend by 'last scene of all'?
1. Retirement  
2. Exit from stage  
3. Birth  
4. Migration  
5. Death
- A. 1,3  
B. 2, 4  
C. 3,5  
D. 2,5

X Answer ANY FIVE of the following in 30-40 words each.

(5\*2=10)

- i. Do you agree with the decision of Harold's parents of hiding the fact that his father was a boxer? Why or why not?

- ii. Where and how did John A. Pescud meet his 'affinity' for the first time ?
- iii. The poet William Wordsworth could not understand the theme of the maiden's song. Why? What were the guesses made by him?
- iv. "...But up-and-down brushin', and pokin' and fussin', didn't seem worth the time- I could bite!" What do these lines convey?
- v. Define the role of rain as the 'messenger of mercy'.
- vi. Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning?

XI Answer ANY ONE of the following in 150 words each.

(8)

i.

"A little more persistence, a little more effort,  
and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success."

**-Elbert Hubbard**

Applied to the lives of Kristakka and Charles Hooper, how would this quote be a befitting one with to reaching their individual goals.

Can we as individuals, learn important lesson(s) from them? In which areas can we apply these lessons? Explain in detail.

**OR**

- ii. The Convict went to Paris, sold the silver candlesticks and started a business. The business prospered and he began helping ex-convicts turn from their old ways. He returned to the city and met the Bishop who invited him to share his story in the church on the subject 'Care gives life its deepest significance.' As the former convict, write a speech to be delivered at the church. In it describe briefly your experience of meeting the Bishop that helped begin your journey of restoration and also become a similar medium for others.

You may begin thus:

'Dearest Bishop and fellow members of the church,

Today I, Jean Valjean, excitedly stand here to...'