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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains three sections.
2. Section A-READING SECTION has 2 reading comprehension passages.
3. Section B-WRITING SECTION has 4 questions.
4. Section C-LITERATURE SECTION has 7 questions. Attempt the questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A - Reading Section (22 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below. (12)
- a) The term “poor-quality medicines” is something of a catch-all. It includes “sub-standards”, medicines that have had inadequate quality control or that have degraded from improper storage or the passage of time. And it includes falsified medicines – fakes – that claim to be what they are not. These may not be made by the manufacturer whose name is on the package and they may not contain the stated ingredients in the stated quantities.
 - b) Poor-quality medicines might not work. They usually have none or only part of the active ingredient they are supposed to contain. This would mean that the illnesses of those people who consume them would be left to take their course. Consuming them can even kill you because the contaminants in the medicines can end up causing severe infections.
 - c) Poor-quality medicines can be life-threatening even if you don’t take them. Antimicrobial drugs (including antibiotics and antivirals) that have too little active ingredient are generally accepted to help disease-causing bugs evolve so that they develop resistance to treatment even with good-quality antimicrobials. And then these bugs spread.
 - d) The factors that speed up the development of antimicrobial resistance — high rates of infections, the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials, poor sanitation, poor-quality medicines — are more common in low- and middle income countries, which means that so is resistance. But microbes travel easily across the world in foodstuffs being exported and in the bodies of humans. And often, resistant microbes can transfer genetic material to each other to become even more dangerous to humans.
 - e) The result: infections that were simple to cure are back with a vengeance. Conditions like tuberculosis and HIV are getting harder to treat. In the future, a routine surgery could become risky and cancer treatment more challenging. There is a real danger of returning to a time where any one of us could pick up an infection and find that medicines are unable to produce the intended results.
 - f) In 2010, Indians consumed the most antibiotics per person in the world. Medicines, including antimicrobials, are easily available over the counter despite rules that forbid this. A recent study found that a large number of antibiotics were on sale without being approved either in India or in the country of the manufacturer. On an international level, further complicating the picture is the fact that different countries have different standards of quality.

- g) Ensuring medicine quality is a global challenge. A pill might be manufactured from ingredients sourced from multiple countries, shipped via several ports, packaged and repackaged in various countries and ultimately sold via an internet pharmacy. The number of points at which fakes or sub-standards could enter the chain is staggering, so international coordination and regulation is essential.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) The term 'poor quality medicines' is considered to be a 'catch-all' because it _____. (1)
(A) helps consumers identify medicines that are of bad quality and reject them
(B) highlights that authentic medicines contain ingredients that are of high quality
(C) indicates that the issue is related to quality and helps authorities to stay vigilant
(D) includes medicines that are both fake and fail to meet appropriate quality standards
- ii) Can microbes that are not directly exposed to poor quality medicines pose a threat to humans? Support your answer with reference to the text. (1)
- iii) In paragraph 6, the writer points out that antimicrobials are easily available over the counter in India despite rules that forbid this. Based on your understanding of this issue, how can you purchase medicines responsibly? (1)
- iv) Select the option that conveys the meaning of 'staggering' used in paragraph 7. (1)
(A) shocking (B) damaging (C) detectable (D) unplanned
- v) Read the following statements carefully. They are based on paragraph f). (1)
1) A multinational pharmaceutical company was heavily fined by the USA for falsifying data and violating safety standards.
2) When the same violations came to the attention of UK authorities, they did not find it to be serious enough to punish.
Now identify which statement is True or False.
(A) Both 1) and 2) are true (B) 1) is false but 2) is true
(C) 1) is true but 2) is false (D) Both 1) and 2) are false
- vi) Will stopping the manufacturing of poor-quality medicines fully resolve the issue of antimicrobial resistance in low- and middle-income countries? Give a reason to support your view. (1)
- vii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference from the passage: (1)
Effective quality control and regulation of medicines at their point of production alone cannot guarantee the eradication of poor quality medicines because _____.
- viii) Which of these is the primary purpose of paragraph e? (1)
(A) to give insight into the process of gene transmission in microbes
(B) to list the infections that can become difficult to treat in the future
(C) to reveal the effects that infections can produce in human bodies
(D) to emphasize the serious consequences of antimicrobial resistance
- ix) Which of these best describes the central theme of the passage? (1)
(A) The origin and evolution of drug-resistant microbes
(B) The alarming reality and impact of poor-quality medicines
(C) The struggles and benefits of developing high-quality medicines
(D) The unique issues and challenges in low- and middle-income countries

- x) Why is antimicrobial resistance more common in low- and middle-income countries? (1)
(mention any 2 points)
- xi) Why is the situation in India complicated regarding the availability of medicines? (1)
Read the following statements and identify which are True.
1) Because there is a shortage of medicines.
2) Because different countries have different standards of quality.
3) Because people can afford good-quality medicines.
4) Because there are few rules for medicine consumption.
5) Because prescription medicines are available over the counter.
Select the correct option.
(A) 1,3 (B) 2,5 (C) 1,2 (D) 3,4
- xii) Use the word 'vengeance' in a sentence in the same sense as used in paragraph e. (1)

2. Read the following passage.

- a) In the present *technetronic* world, protecting ourselves from cybercrimes is a necessity. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, a total of 50,035 cybercrimes were registered in 2020. That figure stood at 27,248 in 2018 and 44,735 in 2019. A total of 18,420 persons were arrested and subsequently convicted by the court for crimes. The report also revealed an alarming rise in the rate of cybercrimes against children. (technetronic- involving advancements in technology and electronics)
- b) Everyone should be mindful of the importance of cyber security awareness. We cannot cease ourselves from digitalizing; it is essential that we move with the flow. Hence, taking measures to protect ourselves is important.
- c) A descriptive study was conducted to identify the level of basic knowledge of cyber security among a group of post-graduate students, who were prospective teachers, studying in a reputed university in Uttar Pradesh. The sample included 100 respondents including 40 males and 60 females. Data was collected using a questionnaire on certain dimensions of password hacking, virus attacks, cybercrime and the misuse of social media. The table below shows the responses of the participants in the study.
- d) Table 1: Responses to aspects that relate to cyber security

SN	Parameters Tested	'Yes' Responses (in %)	'No' Responses (in %)
I	Password Strength		
(i)	Changes password periodically	53.8	46.2
(ii)	Reuses previous password	46.2	53.8
(iii)	Uses same password for each account	44.5	55.5
(iv)	Shares password with others	15.4	84.6
(v)	Accepts prompt to save password	51	49
(vi)	Uses common dictionary words as password	17.3	82.7
II	Virus Attack		
(i)	Protects laptop using Antivirus software	79.6	29.4
(ii)	Checks viruses with a virus scanner	52	48

SN	Parameters Tested	'Yes' Responses (in %)	'No' Responses (in %)
(iii)	Checks viruses with a virus scanner	52	48
(iv)	Downloads free software from untrustworthy sources	22	78
III	Cybercrime		
(i)	Has been a victim of a cyberattack	11.8	88.2
(ii)	Has reported cyberattacks to the authorities	2	98
(iii)	Has knowledge of cybercrime investigation cell	32	68
(iv)	Has knowledge of registration of cybercrimes	22	78
(v)	Has knowledge of Information Technology Act	21.6	78.4
IV	Social Media Behaviour		
(i)	Has unknown people as friends on social media	52.9	47.1
(ii)	Shares personal information on social media	23.5	76.5

e) The study also revealed that in many cases, friends, family members or even partners are found to be guilty of the crimes reported. Also, though men and women are both prone to cybercrimes, it was noticed that women were victims of these crimes more than men. Everyone must make a unified effort towards building a safe digital world for all.

Now answer the following questions, based on your reading of the passage.

- i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage? (1)
 It is appropriate that parents withhold their children from accessing social media until they are at least 13 years old.
 Select from the following:
 (A) True - the statement agrees with the information
 (B) False - the statement contradicts the information
 (C) Not Given - there is no information on this
 (D) Given – there is information in paragraph a)
- ii) Since today's children are familiar with the internet from an early age, is it necessary that they are trained in cyber safety? Support your answer with reference to the text. (1)
- iii) The most likely reason for including point (ii) under 'Social Media Behaviour' is to find out if respondents _____. (1)
 (A) are truthful about their personal details being shared
 (B) check whether people like to stay connected virtually
 (C) are at the risk of their shared personal details being misused
 (D) check whether privacy settings on social media are user-friendly
- iv) Based on your inference from the passage, answer the question below. (1)
 The National Commission for Women (NCW) has recently launched a programme under which 60,000 women were trained in digital literacy and online safety across India.
 Why is the launch of this programme essential?
- v) Why does the passage refer to the NCRB data in paragraph 1? (1)
 (A) to convey the relevance of raising cyber security awareness
 (B) to highlight the role of the bureau in promoting cyber security
 (C) to show that only a small percentage of cyber criminals are convicted
 (D) to indicate that the rate of cyber-crimes decreased between 2019 and 2020

- vi) How many persons were arrested and subsequently convicted for cybercrimes according to the NCRB report? (1)
 (A) 50,035 (B) 18,880 (C) 27,248 (D) 18,420
- vii) Considering the background of the people who participated in the study, why do their responses to points (iii), (iv) and (v) under 'Cybercrime' raise concerns? (refer the table) (1)
- viii) Paragraph b) makes it clear that the best way to ensure cyber safety is to remain _____ (1)
 (A) unified (B) cautious (C) optimistic (D) persistent
- ix) Complete the sentence appropriately in one/two words. (refer the table) (1)
 The number of responses to point (ii) under 'Cybercrime' show that people may feel _____ about reporting crimes to the concerned authorities.
- x) Based on the reading of the text, state an argument to challenge the given statement. (1)
 If people interact through social media only with others who are personally known to them, they need not worry about being victims of cybercrimes.

SECTION B- Writing Section (18 Marks)

3. Select ANY ONE topic and write a notice in about 50 words.
- (A) Maruti Public School will be conducting an online course on news reading during the summer vacations for students of Class XI and XII. In this course, students will learn to understand news reports, build the habit of reading the news regularly, and will have a chance to interact with well-known journalists. As Rutwik Sen, Editor of the school magazine, draft a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board, urging students to sign up. Mention any other relevant details required for the notice. (4)
- OR**
- (B) You are Anusha Raj, the President of the Social Science club in your school. Your club is organising a visit to a local handloom centre. Draft a notice in about 50 words, for the school notice board, addressing students of classes X-XII, informing them about this event and encouraging them to participate in it and buy handloom goods. Mention how the visit can boost the morale of the local weavers.
4. Select ANY ONE topic and write an invitation in about 50 words.
- (A) You are Dr. Amit Gupta, an eminent educationist. You have been invited to preside over an Inter Zonal Declamation competition by Nayana, the President of English Literary Club of Government Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector-20, Chandigarh. Write a reply accepting the invitation. (4)
- OR**
- (B) You are a member of the Cultural Society at L.J. High School. Your school is organising a cultural programme aimed at spreading awareness about environmental conservation. The programme will have dance and song performances, poetry recitation, and art exhibitions by the students throughout the day, in the school auditorium. In about 50 words, create an invitation for parents and school teachers to attend. Mention the relevant details required for an invitation.

5. Select ANY ONE topic and write a letter to the Editor in about 120-150 words.
- (A) Lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and heart diseases have increased in India. Fifty three percent deaths in India are due to lifestyle diseases. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily about the issue and your understanding of the reasons behind the same. Offer suggestions on how one can reduce their risk of having such diseases and on ways to cope with them. You may use the following cues to compose the letter. You are Shriya Rawat, a concerned citizen.

Consequences: leads to a poor quality of life mentally and physically - increases the cost of health care - can reduce life expectancy and cause early deaths

Solutions: follow a balanced diet - incorporate some form of exercise that is sustainable - get regular blood tests to check our health status

OR

(5)

- (B) You are Thara George, an experienced speech therapist working in a reputed private hospital in Ernakulam, Kerala. Write a letter to PK Neurosciences Research Institute Pvt Ltd along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the position vacant. Your qualification is Master of Science in Speech-Language Therapy.

6. Select ANY ONE topic and write an article in about 120-150 words.

- (A) On the threshold of being a world super power, India does have a large young workforce but unfortunately not many in this force are employable for want of necessary skills. Write an article for a newspaper on the topic 'Skill Development is the need of the hour'. You are Anita/Arnav.

OR

(5)

- (B) You are Satish/Saba, associated with an NGO which works to uplift the socio-economic conditions of child labourers by counselling their parents and helping them to go to school. Write an article on the role of literacy in eradicating the evil practice of child labour from society.

SECTION-C

Literature Section (40 Marks)

7. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in brief.

(6x1=6)

- A) *“Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victory with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their
brothers in the shade,
doing nothing.*

*What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity.”*

- i) ‘Victory with no survivors’ is an example of Paradox. Which of these uses the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract?

- (A) The boy ran at lightning speed. (B) The little joys of life are necessary.
(C) The absence of his presence was felt. (D) The hooter buzzed when the shooter shot.

- ii) From the extract, identify the line or phrase that suggests the following:
Humans are involved in the exploitation of natural resources.

- iii) Based on the extract, which of these best describes the poet?
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| 1) prudent | 3) visionary |
| 2) spiritual | 4) methodical |
- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 1 and 3 (C) 2 and 4 (D) 2,3,4
- iv) When the poet says that people who participate in wars 'would put on clean clothes' he means that they should _____.
- v) Based on the extract, select the correct option with reference to (1) and (2).
- (1) Not every win is a triumph.
(2) Self-reflection is crucial to evolution.
- (A) (1) is the result of (2) (B) Both (1) and (2) are true
(C) Both (1) and (2) are false (D) (1) is a hypothesis based on (2)
- vi) Which of these is an appropriate title for the extract?
- (A) Standing in Solitude (B) Looking for Prosperity
(C) The Desire for Renewal (D) The Road to Uncertainty

OR

- B) *“A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.”*
- i) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device Metaphor as used in the first line of the extract.
- (A) I’m as happy as I can be. (B) Life is a roller coaster ride.
(C) Nature is like God’s gift to us. (D) The dazzling divas enchanted all.
- ii) What does the phrase ‘a bower quiet’ indicate?
- (A) serenity (B) morality (C) superiority (D) diversity
- iii) The benefits of a thing of beauty for humans would include_____.
(mention any 2)
- iv) What does the poet mean by ‘never pass into nothingness’? Give one word for it.
- v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) We are surrounded by beautiful things.
(2) Beautiful things provide us joy.
- (A) (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
(B) (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
(C) Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
(D) (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- vi) State and explain the figure of speech used in ‘A bower quiet for us’.

8. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in brief. (4x1=4)

- A) “Have you ever been there? It’s a wonderful town still, with big old frame houses, huge lawns, and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. And in 1894, summer evenings were twice as long, and people sat out on their lawns, the men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans, with the fire-flies all around, in a peaceful world. To be back there with the First World

War still twenty years off, and World War II over forty years in the future... I wanted two tickets for that.”

- i) Who does ‘you’ refer to?
- ii) Write 2 qualities which best describe the society represented in the above extract.
- iii) State whether the following statement is True or False-
“Tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets” is an example of imagery and alliteration.
- iv) What does the use of “with the fire-flies all around” add to the extract?

OR

B) *“You lose all earthly sense of perspective and time here. The visual scale ranges from the microscopic to the mighty: midges and mites to blue whales and icebergs as big as countries (the largest recorded was the size of Belgium). Days go on and on and on in surreal 24-hour austral summer light, and a ubiquitous silence, interrupted only by the occasional avalanche or calving ice sheet, consecrates the place. It’s an immersion that will force you to place yourself in the context of the earth’s geological history. And for humans, the prognosis isn’t good.”*

- i) ‘The visual scale’ refers to _____ of which place?
(A) a measuring device one can see (B) range of things
(C) visionary’s belief (D) the magnitude of preparation
- ii) Use the word ‘prognosis’ in a sentence in the same sense as used here.
- iii) What does the author mean by ‘ubiquitous silence’?
- iv) How would you explain ‘You lose all earthly sense of perspective and time here’ despite the place being on earth?

9. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in brief. (6x1=6)

“While I was wondering about it all, M. Hamel mounted his chair, and, in the same grave and gentle tone which he had used to me, said, "My children, this is the last lesson I shall give you. The order has come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The new master comes tomorrow. This is your last French lesson. I want you to be very attentive.

What a thunderclap these words were to me!...

My last French lesson! Why, I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn anymore! I must stop there, then! Oh, how sorry I was for not learning my lessons,...My books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, my grammar, and my history of the saints, were old friends now that I couldn’t give up.”

- i) Why does M. Hamel tell everyone to be 'very attentive'?
(A) He wants to quiz them on the last lesson later in the day.
(B) He wants to inform them of his wish to retire as a teacher.
(C) He wants to tell them about the new language they will soon learn.
(D) He wants to teach them as much of their language as possible in that class.
- ii) ‘*What a thunderclap these words were to me!*’ This line from the extract depicts Franz's _____.
(A) confusion about the new language (B) astonishment at a wasted opportunity
(C) disappointment in M. Hamel's (D) anger toward the people of the village teaching
- iii) *“My books,...so heavy to carry, ... were old friends...that I couldn’t give up.”* Why does Franz experience this transformation in his attitude towards books and study?

- iv) What does Franz mean when he says ‘*while I was wondering about it all...*’ at the beginning of the extract?
- v) What does ‘the wretches’ refer to in this extract?
- vi) Which figure of speech does Franz use when he calls his books ‘old friends’?

OR

B) “A girl from the countryside, she hadn’t gone through all the stages of worldly experience that generally precede a position of importance and sophistication that she had found herself catapulted into. She never quite recovered from the terror she felt that day. That was the end of a brief and brilliant acting career — the legal adviser, who was also a member of the Story Department, had unwittingly brought about that sad end. While every other member of the Department wore a kind of uniform — khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt — the legal adviser wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat that looked like a coat of mail. Often he looked alone and helpless ...”

- i) ‘Stages of worldly experience’ in the given context would refer to which kind of experience?
- ii) Use the phrase ‘catapulted into’ in a meaningful sentence in the same context as used in the passage.
- iii) Identify whether the following statement is True or False.
The harm done to the actress was a well-planned act.
- iv) Based on the above extract choose the statement that is TRUE for the legal adviser.
 - (A) He disliked the actress from the countryside.
 - (B) He acted after thinking through things carefully.
 - (C) He did not get well with others in the Department.
 - (D) He was always dressed smartly.
- v) Identify the textual clue (a phrase) that allows the reader to infer that the writer is sympathetic towards the professional fate of the actor.
- vi) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract. (any 2 items)
The writer uses the word ‘uniform’ to refer to the outfits of the Department members because just like a uniform _____.

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (5x2=10)

- i) As the host of a talk show, introduce Rajkumar Shukla to the audience by stating any two of his defining qualities. You may begin your answer like this:
Meet Rajkumar Shukla, the man who played a pivotal role in the Champaran Movement.
He
- ii) A mistaken identity led to a discovery of a new one for the rattrap peddler. How did this impact him?
- iii) Give two reasons why, according to Pablo Neruda, is ‘keeping quiet’ essential to attaining a better, more peaceful world?
- iv) “You realise the true value of a thing only on losing it.” Comment on this statement in the light of the story *The Last Lesson*.
- v) In a world that is constantly running after ‘more’ chasing the next new thing, would it be fair to think of Neruda’s call as merely a fanciful idea?
- vi) Why does the poet only smile and say false words ‘see you soon Amma’?

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (2X2=4)

- i) Comment on the writing style of the author, Kalki in *The Tiger King*.

- ii) 'It's easy to judge others and give advice, but much more difficult to apply it to ourselves.' Elaborate with reference to the character of Sam in *The Third Level*.
- iii) *Students on Ice* is a programme that prepares global citizens. Discuss.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following question in 120-150 words. (5X1=5)

- A) The prose selections, *Deep Water* and *Indigo*, bring out the importance of overcoming fear, in order to be able to lead our lives successfully. Imagine yourself to be a motivational speaker who has to address high school students. Elaborate on occurrences from the two texts to inspire your audience and to convince them about the importance of overcoming fear.
- B) Imagine Asokamitran witnesses a film shooting and visits a film set of present day Bollywood. As Asokamitran, write a diary entry noting down the transformation you notice between film making of yesteryears and today.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following question in 120-150 words. (5X1=5)

- A) Imagine you are the narrator writing to your parents back home telling them about your experience in Antarctica and how it is similar to that back home in some ways.

You may begin thus:

Dear mom

It is so different here. I write to capture these amazing moments I am spending here. Antarctica is...

- B) Imagine Tom reaches home safely. He has fully recovered and the war has now come to an end. He owes his life to Sadao and Hana and is forever indebted to them. Years later, he has been invited on a radio show as a war hero where he recounts his tribulations and the experience of being granted a new life by a Japanese couple. As Tom, write down that experience in the form of a speech that you are going to deliver in the radio show.