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**SET - 1**

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**General Instructions:**

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
  - Section - A : Reading Skills
  - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
  - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

**Section A - Reading Skills**

1

**Read the following passage carefully:****[10]**

1. Floods are not new to India and this subcontinent, but in recent years the problem of flooding has received much greater attention, perhaps largely because it has led to greater damage now than it did in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised. This is particularly true in the case of flash floods resulting from sudden and excessive heavy rain.
2. In the case of India, flooding is very much related to the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period during the year and often bring a concentrated volume of rain, which cannot be absorbed by the earth and finds an outlet only in the form of streams that join up with our major river systems. Flooding due to heavy rain is confined not only to the main rivers of the country, but also affects smaller tributaries and streams. Once these streams spill over their banks they could cause excessive harm, mainly because those living near the banks of these streams, particularly in mountain areas, do not have easy recourse to moving away quickly.
3. One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change. While the evidence of the nature of impacts, resulting from climate change on precipitation and flooding at the regional level, is not entirely clear, it could happen that the Indian subcontinent witnesses and suffers the effects of a significantly changed pattern of monsoons. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration but far more intensive; in other words, much greater precipitation would take place in a much shorter period of time, thereby increasing the danger of floods. Climate change is the result of human actions through the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent.
4. At the local level also human actions have heightened the danger of floods through the cutting of trees in the mountains as well as in the plains. In case of India, the ecological damage through deforestation of the Himalayas has led to large - scale erosion of the mountain slopes and high levels of siltation. These lead to the deposition of silt on the riverbeds in the plains and hence spillover of water whenever the volume in the river reaches a certain level. With siltation on the riverbeds, flooding occurs even at very shallow water levels. The vulnerability of the population has increased substantially because of population pressures. An example is the stubborn and perhaps helpless settling of slum dwellers on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi, who become victims

of flooding. What is a mere trickle most of the year, bursts its banks during the monsoons, as has been the case in recent years.

5. Flood forecasting is critical to minimising the damage from floods. It is for this reason that the Central Water Commission has set up a network of forecasting stations, which cover the most important flood - prone interstate rivers in the country. These stations produce forecasts that are used to alert the public and to mobilize various official agencies so that they take both preventive as well as relief measures, whenever required. However, even in cases where forecasts have been timely and generally accurate, people have often been reluctant to move away, because in most cases they lack the means and physical options for moving away from a danger zone to one that is relatively safe. In the case of flash floods, forecasts are difficult to make, and often the time available for relief is very short.

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

1. Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 factors contributing to the severity of floods in India. **(1 Martk)**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from paragraph 1: **(1 Martk)**

"Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised."

(a) Flood information is timely but often ineffective due to lack of infrastructure.

(b) Flood information is delayed, leading to more damage.

(c) Accurate flood information always prevents damage.

(d) There is ample time to respond to flood warnings due to better infrastructure.

3. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how climate change could affect flooding in India. **(2 Marks)**

4. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph 3? Rationalize your response in about 40 words: **(2 Marks)**

"One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration but far more intensive."

5. The phrase 'spillover of water' in paragraph 4 refers to: **(1 Martk)**

	<p>(a) Water overflowing its usual boundaries  (b) A slow and controlled release of water  (c) A reduction in water levels  (d) Water being absorbed by the earth</p> <p>6. In sets a - e below, identify two sets of synonyms: <b>(1 Martk)</b></p> <p>a. erosion and siltation                      b. intensive and concentrated  c. seasonal and continuous      d. stubborn and helpless  e. forecast and prediction</p> <p>Options:  (a) b and e      (b) a and c      (c) b and d      (d) c and e</p> <p>7. Complete the sentence appropriately: <b>(1 Martk)</b></p> <p>The cutting of trees in the mountains has led to _____.</p> <p>8. Complete the following sentence: <b>(1 Martk)</b></p> <p>Flood forecasting is critical because _____.</p>	
2	<p><b>Read the passage given below:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.</li> <li>2. The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.</li> <li>3. The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020 - 21.</li> <li>4. In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges, people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.</li> </ol>	<b>[10]</b>

5. What is required is the proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

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

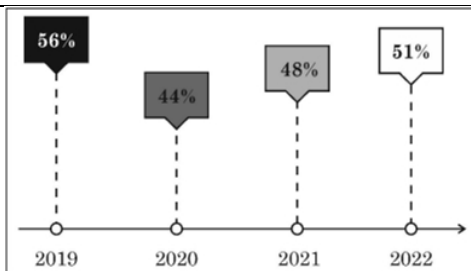
1. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. Reducing traffic congestion is not easy. **(1 Mark)**
2. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are \_\_\_\_\_. **(1 Mark)**
  - a. use of private vehicles
  - b. increase in demand for cars
  - c. inability to keep pace with population control
  - d. travelling by public transport
  - e. emission of pollutants

i. 4, 5    ii. 1, 5    iii. 1, 2    iv. 2, 3
3. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from the paragraph 5. **(1)**

organized : chaotic : : lowest : \_\_\_\_\_

Clue : Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The vehicles emit pollutants which affect \_\_\_\_\_ badly **(1 Mark)**
5. Complete the following sentence. Use of public transport will reduce \_\_\_\_\_. **(1 Mark)**
6. Select the appropriate option which states the methods of reducing traffic congestions. **(1)**
  - (1)start car pooling
  - (2)add electric buses
  - (3)increase in public modes of transport
  - (4)increase car collection points
  - (5)increase taxation

a. 1, 4, 5    b. 3, 5    c. 2, 3, 4    d. 1, 3
7. Analyze the status of traffic between the years 2019 - 2022. **(1)**



**For the visually challenged candidates only.** What is required to get an organized traffic management system? **(1)**

8. Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion. **(1 Mark)**

9. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. **(1)**

There are \_\_\_\_\_ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.

- a. Beneficial    b. adverse    c. implicit    d. explicit

10. Substitute the underlined word with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence. **(1)**

Citizens of Delhi/NCR have time and time again pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce traffic congestion.

### SECTION B GRAMMAR

3 **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed**

**[10]**

1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Need for \_\_\_\_\_ (promote) Healthy Eating Routines  
Dear Madam  
This is with reference to ....

2. Read the given sentence from a research study. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

Today, researchers are trying to establish whether yoga must help relieve people from depression and arthritis.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

3. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.**

**Liz:** Hey Mike, good to see you!

**Mike:** Hi Liz, I haven't seen you since June.

Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike greeted back and replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

4. She said to him, "Why don't you go today?"

**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_

- a) She asked him if he was going that day.
- b) She asked him why he did not go that day.
- c) She asked him why he did not go today.
- d) She said to him that why he doesn't go today.

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but \_\_\_\_\_ (either / neither / every) of them seems to take it seriously.

6. Read the given sentence from a sports journal. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

In present times, physiologists would travel the world to conferences and meetings to present their findings to other scientists.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

7. Read the given line and identify the error. Also provide with the correct word.

Mobile phones has become an integral part of life.

Error	Correction

8. Until the tap water \_\_\_\_ back on yesterday evening, we \_\_\_\_ water back and forth for three days.

- a) came / had been carrying
- b) was coming / will have carried
- c) had come / were carrying
- d) has come / have been carrying

9. Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver. Complete the sentence by reporting the driver's reply correctly.

**Policeman:** Why did you park your car here?

Don't you see a **no parking area** .

**Driver:** Sorry Sir! The engine broke down.

The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a **no parking area** . The driver felt sorry and explained \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence:

They said, "We really enjoyed a movie, we have never seen such a movie in life."

- a) They said that we really had enjoyed a movie we had never seen such a movie in life.
- b) They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they had never seen such a movie in life.
- c) They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they have never seen such a movie in life.
- d) They said that they really enjoyed a movie, they never saw such a movie in life.

11. **Complete the line from a self - awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.**

"And with a look made of all sweet accord,

Answered, "The names of those who \_\_\_\_\_ the lord.

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"

Replied the angel. Abou \_\_\_\_\_ more low,

- a. Love, spoken    b. Loves, spoke    c. love, spoke    d. loves, speak

12. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

**VACCINATE YOURSELF TO COMBAT CORONA**

Get a short of COVID vaccination as soon as possible.

**Health Department, Chandigarh Administration**

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

## SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS


- 4 You have been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money and valuables, incidents of inhospitable behaviour and eve - teasing. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the issue and also givesuggestions on how to make your city a safer tourist destination.

**OR**

You are Raashi/Rahul of Simargarh, Himachal Pradesh. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of the city drawing attention to the unattended condition of the public parks in your town. They are poorly maintained with garbage strewn and pools of stagnant water. Give suggestions on how the parks can be maintained.

**[5]**



5	<p>Read the given details of the different activities that interest children in the age group of 14 - 17 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dance, music, art</li><li>• outdoor sports like cricket, hockey, basketball, soccer, tennis</li><li>• computer games</li><li>• net surfing</li><li>• social media</li></ul> <p>Analyse the details and write an analytical paragraph about the suitability of the given activities. Focus on factors like interest, physical, mental and emotional development, personality development, and suitability.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>The given pie - chart represents the discipline - wise breakup of candidates appeared in an interview. Study the given pie chart and write an analytical paragraph. Total numbers of candidates appeared in the interview = 22500</p>  <table><caption>Pie Chart Data</caption><tr><th>Discipline</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>Medical</td><td>15%</td></tr><tr><td>Arts</td><td>14%</td></tr><tr><td>HR</td><td>14%</td></tr><tr><td>Others</td><td>16%</td></tr><tr><td>Accounts</td><td>23%</td></tr><tr><td>Marketing</td><td>18%</td></tr></table>	Discipline	Percentage	Medical	15%	Arts	14%	HR	14%	Others	16%	Accounts	23%	Marketing	18%	[5]
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6	<p><b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.</b></p> <p>1. Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:</p> <p>”You are disappointed”, Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder. “You were told that I was a secret agent, a spy, dealing in espionage and danger. You wished to meet me because you are a writer, young and romantic. You envisioned mysterious figures in the night, the crack of pistols, drugs in the wine.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>What makes Ausable comment to Fowler "You are disappointed"?(1)</li><li>Why did 'he' want to meet Ausable?(2)</li><li>Complete the given sentence:(1) Fowler was disappointed to meet Ausable because _____.</li><li>What is the meaning of the word <b>Espionage?</b> (1)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finding out secret information</li><li>Dealing with careless behaviour</li><li>Ignorant about certain things</li></ol></li></ol>	[5]														

	<p>iv. Dealing indifferently</p> <p>2. <b>Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>He wrote “To God” on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox. One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster - a fat, amiable fellow - also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, “What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!”</p> <p>a. What made the postman laugh heartily, suggest?(1)</p> <p>b. Why did the postmaster become serious suddenly? Which of the following best describes the postmaster’s attitude towards the situation given in the extract?(1)</p> <p>i. Mocking    ii. Serious    iii. Indifferent    iv. Respectful</p> <p>c. Comment on the author’s use of language in the above extract with reference to the situation of ‘letter writing’.(2)</p> <p>d. In what way would you describe Lencho’s act of dropping the letter to god?(1)</p>	
7	<p><b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.</b></p> <p>1. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>All night the roots work to disengage themselves from the cracks In the veranda floor. The leaves strain toward the glass Small twigs stiff with exertion Long cramped boughs shuffling under the roof Like newly discharged patients Half dazed moving To the clinic doors.</p>	[5]

- a. Choose the correct option that mentions the correct poetic device against the correct example.(1)

(1)	Simile	Long cramped boughs
	Metaphor	Like newly discharged patients
(2)	Personification	Small twigs stiff with exertion
	Simile	Like newly discharged patients
(3)	Refrain	Under the roof
	Simile	Leaves strain toward the glass
(4)	Personification	Like newly discharged patients
	Refrain	Half-dazed, moving

- i. Option (1)    ii. Option (2)    iii. Option (3)    iv. Option (4)
- b. Why do the leaves strain towards the glass?(1)
- c. Comment on the work done by trees according to the poet.(1)
- d. The poet compares the trees to “newly discharged patients”. Highlight any two reasons for the same.(2)
2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:  
 Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!  
 But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,  
 Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,  
 And little mouse Blink strategically mousehold.
- a. Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word ‘trickled’ as used in the extract.(1)
- i. The water trickled down the tap and filled the trough.  
 ii. Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.  
 iii. Tears trickled down her cheeks as she heard the sad news.  
 iv. His enthusiasm for the task slowly trickled away.
- b. Where did Blink hide himself?(1)
- c. Fill in the blank with one word which means the same as ‘ran away’ \_\_\_\_\_.(1)
- d. Comment on the humour used in these lines.(2)

8	<p><b>Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 50 words each.</b></p> <p>1. How did the baker herald his arrival every morning? (Glimpses of India - A Baker from Goa)</p> <p>2. What do you think the tiger would say to you, as a visitor?          You may begin like this:          Please stop staring. You have no          idea.....(continue).....</p> <p>3. What argument do Lomov and Natalya give over the superiority of their dogs, Guess and Squeezer?(The Proposal)</p> <p>4. What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?</p> <p>5. Fire and Ice projects a pessimistic outlook. Comment.</p>	[12]
9	<p><b>Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40 - 50 words.</b></p> <p>1. Mrs. Pumphrey said, “This is a triumph of surgery.” What do you think about this statement?</p>	[6]

	<p>2. You've read the quote: <b>A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops.</b> In the context of this statement, comment on the role of Bholi's teacher in her life.</p> <p>3. Do you find the story based on being invisible a mere figment of one's imagination or a phenomenon that is plausible? Elaborate with your opinion.</p>										
10	<p><b>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words</b></p> <p>1. Look at the given image of different parenting styles and what they signify.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>SENSITIVE &amp; RESPONSIVE</td><td>STERN &amp; PUNITIVE</td></tr> <tr> <td>DEMANDING</td><td>AUTHORITATIVE</td><td>AUTHORITARIAN</td></tr> <tr> <td>DOESN'T ENFORCE LIMITS</td><td>PERMISSIVE</td><td>UNINVOLVED</td></tr> </table> <p>Which of the given parenting styles would you attribute to the young seagull's parents? Do you think there was a difference between the mother's and father's attitude? Support your answer with reference to the text.</p> <p>2. The poet of Fire and Ice presents two reasons which will lead to the destruction of the humanity. What values do you garner from the two possible causes provided by him?</p>		SENSITIVE & RESPONSIVE	STERN & PUNITIVE	DEMANDING	AUTHORITATIVE	AUTHORITARIAN	DOESN'T ENFORCE LIMITS	PERMISSIVE	UNINVOLVED	[6]
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11	<p><b>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words.</b></p> <p>1. Imagine you're one of the columnists in a magazine. People write to you about their issues, seeking your advice. Matilda writes to you about the guilt she feels for having lost a necklace and how it changed the course of her life and her husband's. What would be your advice to her?</p> <p>2. Anil's acceptance and forgiveness of the thief demonstrates empathy and generosity. Elaborate.(The Thief's Story)</p>	[6]									

**ALL THE BEST**



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