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General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains four section- Reading Skills, Writing Skills, Grammar and Literature.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

(22 marks)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(12)

Plastic has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world. Every year, millions of plastic bags, bottles, straws, and wrappers are thrown away. Much of this plastic reaches rivers and oceans, where it remains for hundreds of years because it does not break down easily. As a result, marine animals suffer greatly.

Many sea creatures, such as turtles, dolphins, whales, seabirds, and fish, mistake plastic for food. A turtle may think a floating plastic bag is a jellyfish and swallow it. This can block its stomach and make it very sick. Birds often feed tiny pieces of plastic to their chicks, thinking they are food. Sadly, many animals die because they cannot digest plastic.

Plastic waste also harms marine animals in other ways. Old fishing nets, ropes, and plastic rings can trap sea animals. Turtles, seals, and dolphins often become tangled in them. They may find it difficult to swim, hunt, or even breathe. This can lead to injury or death.

To protect marine life, many countries have started banning single-use plastics such as plastic bags, straws, cups, and cutlery. People are now encouraged to use cloth bags, steel bottles, paper bags, and reusable containers instead of plastic. Schools, shops, and communities are also spreading awareness about reducing plastic waste.

Every person can help protect our oceans. We should avoid using unnecessary plastic, recycle whenever possible, and never throw rubbish into rivers or seas. Even small actions, such as carrying a reusable water bottle or refusing a plastic straw, can make a big difference. By working together, we can keep our oceans clean and give marine animals a safer and healthier home for the future.

1. Where does much of the plastic reach?

(1)

a) does not break down easily

b) floats forever

c) disappears quickly

2. A turtle mistakes a plastic bag for a - ____

(1)

a) fish

b) crab

c) jellyfish

3. Which of these can trap marine animals?

(1)

a) Fishing nets

b) Leaves

c) Sand

4. Many countries have banned ____

(1)

a) paper bags

b) glass bottles

c) single-use plastics

5. Find the word from the passage which is antonym of the word- “danger”.

(1)

Ans. Safer (last para)

6. What has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world? (1)

Answer: Plastic has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world.

7. Who is spreading awareness about reducing plastic waste and what are people encouraged to use instead of plastic? (2)

Ans. Schools, shops and communities spreading awareness about reducing plastic waste.

People are encouraged to use cloth bags, steel bottles, paper bags and reusable containers instead of plastic.

8. What has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world and Name any two marine animals that get affected because of this environmental problems mentioned in the passage? (2)

Ans. Plastic has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world. Turtles, dolphins, whales and fish (any 2), two marine animals that get affected because of this environmental problems.

9. Fill in the blanks: (2)

i) We should avoid using unnecessary plastic and recycle whenever possible.

2. Read the passage and answer the questions. (10 marks)

Rainwater harvesting is a simple and effective way of collecting and storing rainwater for future use. Instead of allowing rainwater to flow away into drains, it can be collected from rooftops and stored in tanks or allowed to soak into the ground. This method helps save water and increases the level of groundwater.

Many parts of the world face water shortages because of increasing population, pollution, and irregular rainfall. Rainwater harvesting provides an additional source of water for gardening, washing vehicles, cleaning, and even farming. After proper treatment, the stored water can also be used for drinking. It also reduces flooding by preventing large amounts of rainwater from flowing into streets and drains.

Schools, homes, offices, and public buildings can all install rainwater harvesting systems. These systems are easy to maintain and help people use water wisely. By collecting rainwater during the rainy season, communities can reduce their dependence on rivers and underground water sources.

Every person has a role to play in saving water. We should repair leaking taps, avoid wasting water, and spread awareness about water conservation. Even small efforts can make a big difference when everyone works together. Rainwater harvesting is not just a smart idea; it is an important step towards protecting our environment and ensuring that clean water is available for future generations.

1. Rainwater harvesting mainly helps us to? (1)

a) collect and store rainwater b) waste water c) increase pollution

2. Rainwater is allowed to soak into the _____? (1)

a) ground b) sky c) roof

3. What does the passage encourage people to spread? (1)

a) Awareness b) Water c) Pollution

4. Find the word from the passage which is antonym of the word- "waste"? (1)

Ans. "Save" in first passage or "Saving" in last passage.

5. The main purpose of the passage is to _____? (identify the correct answer) (1)

a) explain the importance of rainwater harvesting b) describe rivers c) talk about floods only

6. What can happen after proper treatment of stored rainwater?

Ans. The stored water can also be used for drinking.

7. Why is rainwater harvesting important for future generations? (2)

Ans. It is an important step towards protecting our environment and ensuring that clean water is available for future generations.

8. Write any two places where we can install rainwater harvesting systems? (2)

Ans. Schools, homes, offices, and public buildings can all install rainwater harvesting systems.

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS

(22 marks)

3. Write a travelogue about visiting a hill station. (3)

Sample Answer

Last summer, I visited a beautiful hill station with my family. The cool weather, green mountains, and fresh air made the trip enjoyable. We visited waterfalls, took many photographs, and tasted delicious local food. The peaceful surroundings made me feel relaxed and happy. It was a memorable and refreshing holiday.

4. Make a diary entry on how you encouraged your cousin to do well in sports. (4)

12 July 20XX

Saturday

Dear Diary,

Today, I spent time with my cousin, who had lost confidence after losing a football match. I encouraged him to practise every day and reminded him that success comes through hard work and determination. I also shared stories of famous sportspersons who never gave up. Later, we played together in the park, and he felt much more confident. He promised to keep practising and never lose hope. I felt happy that my words inspired him to work harder and believe in himself.

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5. Write an informal email in approximately 120 words on any one of the following topics: (7)

a. Informal mail to your friend expressing importance of exercises in 120 words.

Sample answer (a)

From: abc@email.com

To: xyz@email.com

Subject: Importance of Regular Exercise

Dear XYZ,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to share why regular exercise is so important. Exercising every day keeps our body fit, healthy, and active. It makes our muscles stronger and improves our stamina. It also helps us stay fresh, happy, and focused on our studies. We can exercise by walking, jogging, cycling, playing outdoor games, or doing yoga. Spending too much time on mobile phones and television can make us lazy. So, we should spend at least 30–60 minutes exercising every day. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind. Let us make exercise a daily habit and encourage our friends and family to do the same.

Take care and write back soon.

Yours lovingly,

ABC

b. Informal email to your friend describing how you spent your summer vacation.

Sample answer (b)

From: ABC123@email.com

To: XYZ456@email.com

Subject: My Summer Vacation

Dear XYZ456,

I hope you are doing well. I had a wonderful summer vacation this year. I visited my grandparents' house in the village and spent quality time with them. Every morning, we went for walks and enjoyed the fresh air. I also helped my grandmother in the garden and learned how to grow plants. In the evenings, I played cricket and badminton with my cousins. We enjoyed delicious homemade food and listened to Grandpa's interesting stories. I also read two storybooks and completed my holiday homework on time. My vacation was full of fun, learning, and happy memories. I wish you had been there with me. How did you spend your summer vacation? Do write back and tell me all about it.

Yours lovingly,
ABC123

6. Write an essay in approximately 150 words on **any one** of the following topics: (help words given) (8)
a. Conserving Nature for Future Generations.

(Help Words- Nature, Trees, Water, Protect, Save, Environment, Recycle, Pollution, Conservation, Sustainable)

Sample:

Nature is one of the greatest gifts to us. It gives us clean air, fresh water, food, and shelter. We should protect our environment by planting more trees and keeping our surroundings clean. We must save water because it is very precious. Pollution harms people, animals, and plants, so we should avoid wasting resources and throwing garbage in public places. We should also recycle paper, plastic, and glass to reduce waste. Conservation of nature is everyone's responsibility. By using natural resources wisely, we can live a sustainable life and help future generations enjoy a healthy planet. Small actions like planting trees, saving water, and reducing pollution can make a big difference. If we care for nature today, the Earth will remain green, clean, and beautiful for many years to come.

OR

b) Effects of Social Media.

(Help Words - Social Media, Internet, Communication, Learning, Addiction, Cyberbullying, Privacy, Distraction, Responsible, Awareness)

Sample

Social Media has become an important part of our daily lives. It helps us stay connected with family and friends through the Internet. It also improves communication and supports learning by providing educational videos and useful information. However, spending too much time on social media can lead to addiction and become a distraction from studies and outdoor activities. Sometimes, people may face cyberbullying or share personal information, which can affect their privacy. Therefore, we should use social media in a responsible way and avoid spending too much time online. Parents and teachers should also create awareness about using social media safely. If we use it wisely, social media can be a helpful tool for learning and communication. It is important to balance online activities with studies, exercise, and time with family and friends.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

(10 marks)

7. Choose the type of noun for the underlined words from the options given. (3)

- Honesty** is the best policy. abstract (abstract, proper, material)
- The **committee** has announced the results. Common (proper, countable, common)
- We visited **Delhi** during the holidays. Proper (proper, common, material)

8. Choose the correct answer from the brackets. (4)

- I saw an eagle flying high. (*a / an / the*)
- There are many apples in the basket. (*much / many*)
- We need some sugar to prepare the cake. (*many / some*)
- The elephant is the strongest animal in the zoo. (*strong / strongest*).

9. Each sentence has one mistake. Rewrite it correctly: (3)

- i. There are much books on the shelf. **There are many books on the shelf.**
- ii. I have few milk left. **I have a little milk left.**
- iii. I am knowing the answer. **I know the answer.**

Section D: Literature (26 marks)

10. Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly.

(2x4=8)

A. He looked at Professor Challenger. 'I'm sorry I didn't believe you,' he said. "You aren't a liar. Now I know your story is true. Please forgive me."

i. Who said this?

(1)

Ans. Professor Summerlee (Prof.) said this sentence.

ii. The above sentence was said to whom?

(1)

Ans. The above sentence was said to Professor Challenger (Prof.).

iii. Write the meaning of the word:-plateau- **A plateau is a flat, elevated landform that rises sharply above the surrounding area on at least one side/also known as a tableland.**

(1)

iv. What had happened prior to this that led to the confession and a plea for forgiveness?

(1)

Prior to this the group was about to have dinner when pterodactyls flew in and took away the animal they had cooked for food.

B. *I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.*

*I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?*

I. What did the poet breathe into the air?

(1)

Ans. The poet breathed a song into the air.

ii. What did the poet shoot into the air?

(1)

Ans. The squirrel says that it is not as large as the mountain.

III. Name the poet of this poem.

(1)

Ans. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the poet.

IV. Which word in the poem means 'very quickly'??

(1)

Ans. Swiftly.

11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

(2x5=10)

i. *The incident with the rock wasn't an accident*- which 'incident' is being referred to in 'The Plateau of the Lost World' story?

Ans. The incident referred to here is the falling of an enormous rock from above while the group was trying to think of a plan of action, standing at the bottom of the cave.

ii. What is being talked about in the line 'how far they have come and how far they still have to go'?

Ans. Pulling a child's earlobes on birthdays in Brazil, signifies that the child's achievements so far and serves as a reminder of how far they have come and how far they still have to go.

iii. What role did the Pikes play in the story?

Ans. The Pikes were witnesses to Mr. Marsh's secret will. Their role helped reveal the hidden will and solve the case.

iii. What do you understand by the phrase, “couldn’t keep our eyes open” in the story “The Plateau of the Lost World?”

Ans. The phrase "couldn't keep our eyes open" means they were extremely tired, sleepy and could not stay awake. They were so exhausted that they wanted to sleep immediately.

iv. What changes took place in the college after Lalitha joined it?

Ans. After Lalitha joined college, two more women got encouraged and joined the college. As a result the college also opened admission for other women.

v. How does slacklining help improve balance?

Ans. Slacklining improves balance by strengthening the body and helping a person stay steady while walking on the rope.

12. Answer in 150-180 words the following. (Any 1)

(1x8=8)

1. Write the summary of the poem “The Mountain and the Squirrel: A Fable, in your own words. Also mention the name of the poet?

Ans. The Mountain and the Squirrel: A Fable is a thoughtful poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson. The poem tells the story of a proud mountain that laughs at a small squirrel for being tiny. The squirrel politely replies that although the mountain is large and strong, it cannot do everything. It explains that every living thing has its own special qualities and purpose.

The mountain may be able to carry forests, but it cannot crack a nut like the squirrel. The squirrel believes that everyone is important in different ways. No one should be judged by size or strength alone. Each person or animal has unique talents that make them valuable. The poem teaches us to respect others and appreciate their abilities instead of comparing them.

It reminds us that even small people can achieve great things. The poet encourages us to value teamwork, accept differences, and understand that everyone has an important role to play in the world.

2. Why are the customs and traditions practiced on birthdays in India unique? What makes them special and unique?

The customs and traditions followed on birthdays in India are unique because they combine love, blessings, culture, and family values. Instead of only cutting a cake, many people seek the blessings of elders, offer prayers, visit temples or other places of worship, wear new clothes, and share sweets with family and friends. These traditions make birthdays special by showing respect, gratitude, and togetherness. They remind us to be thankful for life and to begin a new year with good wishes and positive thoughts.

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