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Max Marks: 80
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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)

Social media has changed the way people communicate. With just a few taps, we can send messages, share photographs, make video calls, and stay connected with friends and relatives living far away. It has made communication faster and easier than ever before. Students can also use social media to learn new skills, watch educational videos, and work together on school projects.

However, despite bringing people closer online, social media is sometimes creating distance between people in real life. Many families sit together at the dining table, yet each person is busy looking at a mobile phone instead of talking to one another. Friends may meet but spend more time taking selfies or checking notifications than enjoying each other's company. As a result, meaningful conversations are becoming less common.

Spending too much time on social media can also affect physical and mental well-being. It may reduce outdoor activities, disturb sleep, and increase feelings of loneliness. Some people compare their lives with the carefully edited pictures they see online and begin to feel unhappy or dissatisfied. It is important to remember that not everything shared on social media reflects real life.

Technology is a wonderful gift when used wisely. Instead of allowing screens to replace face-to-face conversations, people should make time for family meals, outdoor games, reading, hobbies, and spending quality time with loved ones. Setting screen-time limits and using social media with care can help us enjoy its benefits without losing the warmth of real human relationships. After all, no number of online likes can replace a genuine smile, a kind word, or a heartfelt conversation.

1. What may social media reduce? (1)

Ans. Social media may reduce outdoor activities.

2. What quality does the writer encourage people to value? (1)

a) Popularity b) Kindness c) Fame

3. Which word best describes the writer's opinion about technology? (1)

a) Fearful b) Balanced c) Negative

4. Which activity is suggested instead of spending too much time online? (1)

a) Watching more videos b) Playing outdoor games c) Taking more selfies

5. Find the word from the passage which is antonym of the word- "online". (1)

Ans. Offline (2nd, 3rd and 4th paras)

6. According to the passage, social media helps students to? (1)

a) avoid studying b) learn new skills c) waste time

7. What do many families do while sitting together at the dining table? (2)

Ans. Each person is busy looking at a mobile phone instead of talking to one another.

8.What is becoming less common and what should screens not replace?

(2)

Ans. Meaningful conversations are becoming less common. Screens should not replace face-to-face conversations.

9. Fill in the blanks:

(2)

i)Technology is a wonderful_____giftwhen used _____wisely.

2.Read the passage and answer the questions.

(10 marks)

Dams are large structures built across rivers to store and control the flow of water. They play a vital role in the development of a country by providing water for farming, homes, and industries. The water stored in dams is called a reservoir. During the rainy season, dams collect excess rainwater, which can be used later during dry months when water is scarce.

One of the most important uses of dams is irrigation. Farmers depend on dam water to grow crops, especially in areas that receive very little rainfall. Dams also help produce hydroelectric power, which is a clean and renewable source of electricity. This electricity is supplied to homes, schools, hospitals, and factories.

Another advantage of dams is flood control. During heavy rainfall, dams store excess water and release it slowly, reducing the chances of floods in nearby towns and villages. Reservoirs also provide water for drinking and support fish farming, which creates employment for many people.

However, dams should be planned carefully because building large dams may affect forests, wildlife, and people living nearby. Trees may need to be cut down, and some families may have to move to safer places. Therefore, it is important to balance development with environmental protection. When managed wisely, dams provide many long-term benefits and improve the quality of life for millions of people.

1.What are dams?

(1)

Ans. Dams are large structures built across rivers to store and control the flow of water.

2.What is the water stored in dams called? (1)

Ans. The water stored in dams is called a reservoir.

3.Which word best describes hydroelectric power??

(1)

a) Polluting b) Renewable c) Expensive

4.Find the word from the passage which is synonym of the word- “essential”?(1)

Ans. “Important” in second passage.

5. According to the passage, which activity creates employment for many people?(1)

a) Fishing competitions b) Fish farming c) Road building

6.When can the stored water be used?

(1)

Ans.The stored water canbe used later during dry months when water is scarce.

7.Whyshould dams be planned carefully?

(2)

Ans. Dams should be planned carefully because building large dams may affect forests, wildlife, and people living nearby.

8.Why do farmers depend on dam water? And what kind of electricity do dams produce? (2)

Ans. Farmers depend on dam water to grow crops. Dams produce hydroelectric power, which is a clean and renewable source of electricity.

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 join karate classes/ taekwondo classes. (4)

5 August 2026,

Wednesday

Dear Diary,

Today I encouraged my cousin to join karate classes. I told him that karate teaches self-defence, discipline, and confidence. At first, he was scared, but I explained that everyone starts as a beginner. He finally agreed to join the classes. I felt happy and proud that I had motivated him.

Good night!

5. Write an informal mail to your friend expressing *importance of water conservation* in 120 words. (7)

Hi PQR

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to tell you about the importance of water conservation. Water is one of the most precious natural resources, and we should not waste it. Many people do not have enough clean water for drinking and daily use.

We can save water by turning off taps when not in use, fixing leaking pipes, using a bucket instead of a shower, and collecting rainwater. Small efforts by everyone can make a big difference. If we save water today, there will be enough for future generations.

I hope you will also follow these simple habits and encourage others to do the same.

Take care and write back soon.

Your loving friend,

LMN

6. Write an essay in approximately 150 words on **any one** of the following topics: (help words given) (8)

Sample a) Importance of Discipline

Discipline is one of the most important qualities in life. It helps us follow rules, respect others, and manage our time well. A disciplined person is honest, hardworking, and responsible. Students should be disciplined at school and at home. They should wake up on time, complete their homework, listen to their teachers, and obey their parents.

Discipline also teaches us good manners and helps us become confident. People who are disciplined can achieve their goals more easily because they stay focused and never give up. Discipline also keeps us healthy by encouraging good habits like regular exercise and eating healthy food.

Every great person has achieved success through discipline and hard work. If we practise discipline from childhood, we can become better students and responsible citizens. Discipline is the key to a happy, successful, and meaningful life.

Sample b) Effects of Pollution.

Pollution is one of the biggest problems in the world today. It affects the environment, air, water, and land. Smoke from vehicles and factories pollutes the air, while plastic and other waste make rivers and oceans dirty. Pollution also harms our health and can cause many diseases.

We should keep our surroundings clean and throw waste in dustbins. We must recycle paper, plastic, and glass to reduce waste. Conservation of natural resources is important for a better future. Schools and families should create awareness about keeping the environment clean.

Every person should protect nature by planting trees, saving water, and reducing pollution. If we all work together and follow good habits, we can make our planet cleaner, healthier, and safer for ourselves and future generations.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

(10 marks)

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

1. The audience applauded the performers loudly. Collective (Collective, Material, Proper)
2. Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world. Proper (Proper, Common, Abstract)
3. My friend helped me complete the project. Common (Common, Proper, Material)

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

1. There isn't much milk left in the refrigerator. (many / much)
2. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. (higher / highest)
3. The Earth moves around the Sun. (a / an / the)
4. My sister hurt herself while climbing the stairs. (herself / himself)

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

1. There is many students in the library. There are many students in the library.
2. The childrens are playing in the garden. The children are playing in the garden.
3. Riya and Meera enjoyed himself at the picnic. Riya and Meera enjoyed themselves at the picnic.

Section D: Literature (26 marks)

10. Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly. (2x4=8)

A. *Before I left, he said: 'If you persist to study, you shall get nothing from me. You like your brains, my girl, I've no book-learning, but we'll see who wins. That was nine years ago. A month ago, he died. My uncle left me the most extraordinary will.'*

i. Who said the underlined words for the first time? (1)

Ans. The underlined lines were said by Uncle Andrew/ Miss Violet's uncle.

ii. The underlined words were said to whom the first time? (1)

Ans. The underlined lines were said to Miss Violet.

iii. Who was the speaker (the second time)? (1)

Ans. The second time, the underlined lines were said by Miss Violet, the second time.

iv. The speaker was telling these lines to whom, the second time? (1)

Ans. The second time, the speaker was telling these lines to Pirot (the detective)

B. *If I'm not so large as you,*

You are not so small as I,

And not half so spry:

I'll not deny you make

A very pretty squirrel track.

Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;

If I cannot carry forests on my back,

Neither can you crack a nut."

i. Who is speaking in these lines of the poem? (1)

Ans. The squirrel is speaking these lines.

ii. What does the squirrel say about its size compared to the mountain? (1)

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

iii. What important lesson is conveyed through the line "Talents differ"? (1)

Ans. The important lesson is conveyed through the line "Talents differ" is that everyone has different abilities and strengths.

iv. What does the word "spry" mean in the poem?

(1)

Ans. The word "spry" in the poem means active and quick in movement.

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

(2x5=10)

i. How does slack lining help improve balance?

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

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. *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.

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. 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.

12. Answer in 150-200 words any 1 of the following.

(1x8=8)

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

Ans. 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.

OR

ii. Write the summary of the poem "*The Arrow and the Song*" 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.

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