



General Instructions:

- i) This paper has 3 sections:

Section A	Reading	(20 marks)
Section B	Writing and Grammar	(30 marks)
Section C	Literature Textbook	(30marks)
- ii) Attempt all the questions in their respective sections.
- iii) Attempt your paper neatly.

SECTION - A (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bargit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be 'controlled by machines'. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, as it were, they cannot lead independent lives or 'rule the world' by making decisions on their own.

Sir Leon said, in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain value information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- 1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (1x8=8 marks)
- a) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology?
 - b) What complicated works are computers capable of doing?
 - c) Write one use of computers.
 - d) Explain automation.
 - e) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world?
 - f) How would computers as translating machines help people?
 - g) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in future?
 - h) How can computers help people who are going on a holiday?

2. Read the following passage carefully:

Music is perhaps one of the most popular and widely practiced forms of the Fine Arts, transcending all kinds of cultural and linguistic barriers. Any form of fine art is difficult to master and almost impossible to perfect and music is no exception.

Nature, it is learnt, has blessed almost two-thirds of the human race with musical ability of some sort. Music has the power to bring out the deepest emotions. It can make one cry or bring a smile on one's face. Infact, it is a magic medicine and many seek refuge in it when they are depressed or stressed. It is this intimacy that makes us listen to music or even hum or sing sometimes. This singing or realistically speaking, expressing one's emotions musically, sometimes takes a serious turn. This desire to showcase musical expression in public domain then transforms into a serious business profession. And from here the musical journey begins.

This desire to sing before an audience is innocent and beautiful and it is indeed perfectly right to have such a genuine desire. But it is also important to understand that singing is an intricate art- a highly refined one at that, which requires systematic, prolonged and rigorous training, even to pass muster. This is an aspect we forget in our keen desire to reach the stage and perform. It is almost like preparing a formal meal for some specially invited guests, without even having learnt and experienced the basic aspects of cooking. This is why we have more noise and less music in the present.

These days almost everyone sings and it does not stop here. Most of us want to become professional singers. Result, a complete disregard for and ignorance of the training part, as the need is never felt to go through one and the urge to get to the stage and perform overpowers the slight inclination to learn, if any. If at all, somewhere along the way one feels the need to gain some knowledge and training, it leads to hurried shortcuts and half-hearted attempts, best described as Crash Courses.

2.1. Answer the following questions:

- a) Why does the author say, 'Music is no exception'? (2)
- b) When and how does a musical journey begin? (2)
- c) What are described as 'Crash Courses'? (2)
- d) What all is needed to 'pass muster' in the art of singing before an audience? (2)
- e) Why is there more noise and less music in the present, according to the writer? (2)
- f) Which word in the passage means 'complicated'? (1)
- g) Give the synonym of the word 'shelter' from the passage. (1)

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. Friends greatly influence us. This influence can have both negative and positive impacts on the students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 120 – 150 words discussing how we can make friendships more positive and productive. You are Ashish / Asha of 26, Shakti Nagar, New Delhi. (8)

4. Complete the story in about 250 words and give a suitable title to it. (12)
It was Diwali night, Raj and his friends were bursting crackers and.....

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with one word: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

There is a general belief (a) _____ students that (b) _____ who write long sentences get (c) _____ marks (d) _____ those who write short sentences.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number: (5)

	Incorrect	Correct
The year 2012 marks the 50 th anniversary for	a) _____	_____
the James Bond films. A first James Bond	b) _____	_____
movie, 'Dr. No' was released on 1962.	c) _____	_____
Numerous events are held for fans	d) _____	_____
all over a world.	e) _____	_____

7. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below: (3)

Raghav : Can I have a bottle of milk?
 Shopkeeper : Sorry, I have only tetra pack.
 Raghav : When will it be available?
 Shopkeeper : I can give it to you tomorrow.
 Raghav : Thank you.

Raghav asked the shopkeeper (a) _____ of milk. The shopkeeper said that he only had tetra pack. Raghav wanted to know (b) _____. The shopkeeper said that (c) _____.

Section - C (LITERATURE)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

“Goodluck to you, Trevelyn,” I said. “And may you get the petunias for your princess!”

- a) Whom does ‘you’ and ‘I’ refer to? (2)
 b) Why does the speaker call ‘you’ as Trevelyn? (1)
 c) Why does ‘you’ get down to get petunias? (1)

(OR)

Whatever the theme the maiden sang
 As if her song could have no ending;
 I saw her singing at her work,
 And o’er the sickle bending;

- a) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
 b) What is the effect of the song on the poet? (1)
 c) Explain: ‘I saw her singing at her work.’ (1)
 d) What do you mean by the word ‘sickle’? (1)

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (8)

- a) What kind of woman is Jeanne? (Villa for Sale)
 b) ‘I hate church.’ Who said so and why?
 c) Explain the refrain used in the poem ‘Brook’. What message does it convey to the readers?
 d) ‘Mr. Bramble comes across as the mildest and the most obliging of men’. Elucidate.

10. Answer the following question in about 150 - 200 words: (8)

Choices in life play a very important role in making us happy or unhappy. We very conveniently blame others for our unhappiness. With reference to the poem ‘Road Not Taken’ express your views on the topic, ‘Choices we make are our own responsibility.’

(OR)

‘Love, kindness and benevolence can win the hearts of all’. Elucidate with reference to the play ‘The Bishop’s Candlesticks’.

11. Answer the following question in about 200 words: (10)

How does Swift highlight human behavior patterns through the voyages of ‘Gulliver’s Travels’?

(OR)

Describe the Academy of Lagado.