



The Question paper is divided into three sections:

Section - A	Reading	20 Marks
Section - B	Writing & Grammar	30 Marks
Section - C	Literature	30 Marks

General Instructions:

- i) All questions are compulsory.
- ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A (READING)

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

The family of Dashwood had been long settled in Sussex. Their estate was large and their residence was at Norland Park, in the centre of their property, where, for many generations they had lived in so respectable a manner, as to engage the general good opinion of their surrounding acquaintance. The late owner of this estate, was a single man who lived to a very advanced age, and who for many years of his life, had a constant companion and housekeeper in his sister. But her death, which happened ten years before his own, produced a great alteration in his home, for to supply her loss, he invited and received into his house, the family of his nephew Mr. Henry Dashwood, the legal inheritor of the Norland estate, and the person to whom he intended to bequeath it. In the society of his nephew and niece, and their children, the old gentleman's days were comfortably spent. His attachment to them all increased. The constant attention of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dashwood to his wishes, which proceeded not merely from interest, but from goodness of heart, gave him every degree of solid comfort which his age could receive; and the cheerfulness of the children added a relish to his existence.

By a former marriage Mr. Henry Dashwood had one son: by his present lady, three daughters. The son, a steady respectable young man, was amply provided for by the fortune of his mother, which had been large, and half of which devolved on him on his coming of age. By his own marriage, likewise, which happened soon afterwards, he added to his wealth. To him, therefore, succession to the Norland estate was not so really important as to his sisters; for their fortune, independent of what might arise to them from their father's inheriting the property, could be but small. Their mother had nothing. Their father only seven thousand pounds in his own disposal for the remaining moiety of his first wife's fortune was also secured to her child, and he had only a life interest in it.

The old gentleman died; his will was read, and like almost every other will gave as much disappointment as pleasure. He was neither so unjust, nor so ungrateful as to leave his estate from his nephew: but he left it to him on such terms as destroyed half the value of the bequest. Mr. Dashwood had wished for it more for the sake of his wife and daughters than for himself or his son; but to his son, and his son's son, a child of four years old, it was secured in such a way as to leave to himself no power of providing for those who were most dear to him, and who most needed a provision, by any charge on the estate, or by any sale of its valuable woods. The whole was tied up for the benefit of this child, who on occasional visits with his father and mother at Norland, had so far gained on the affections of his uncle, by such attractions as are by no means unusual in children of two or three years old; an imperfect articulation, an earnest desire of having his own way, many cunning tricks and a great deal of noise, as to outweigh all the value of the attention which, for years he had received from his niece and her daughters. He meant not to be unkind however and as a mark of his affection for the three girls, he left them a thousand pounds apiece.

Mr. Dashwood's disappointment was at first severe; but his temper was cheerful and sanguine, and he might reasonably hope to live many years, and by living economically, lay by a considerable sum from the produce of an estate already large and capable of almost immediate improvement. But fortune which had been so tardy in coming, was his only one twelvemonth. He survived his uncle no longer; and ten thousand pounds, including the late legacies, was all that remained for his widow and daughters.

(An Extract from Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility')

- 1.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

- a) What reputation had the Dashwoods earned in their neighbourhood? (1)
- b) How did the old gentleman in the extract spend his last days? (1)
- c) Why were Mrs. and Mr. Dashwood so considerate towards the old gentleman? (1)

- d) Write briefly about the financial status of the son of Mr. Henry Dashwood. (1)
 e) Why did the old gentleman's will give disappointment as well as pleasure? (2)
 f) What was Mr. Dashwood's reaction to the will? (2)

1.2 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow: (1x4=4)

- a) The late owner of the Norland Park Residence was _____.
 i) Mr. Henry Dashwood ii) Mr. Henry Dashwood's son
 iii) Mr. Henry Dashwood's uncle iv) Mrs. Dashwood
- b) The word 'sanguine' implies that Mr. Dashwood was _____.
 i) confident and hopeful ii) very happy
 iii) nervous iv) anxious and angry
- c) The old gentleman after the death of his _____ invited the Dashwoods to stay with him.
 i) companion ii) sister
 iii) housekeeper iv) wife
- d) The word 'tardy' in the last paragraph implies that the fortune was _____ in coming.
 i) fast ii) slow iii) steady iv) unwilling

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

We have been drawing attention to and expressing concern for the gross neglect and irreparable degradation of India's water bodies, in these columns. The most classic area of neglect is the Ganga river, on which thousands of crores have been spent, and yet, there does not seem to be any perceptible improvement. No sooner had the discussion on the river abated than we have headlines screaming of the fire raging in the Bellandur lake in Bengaluru. The blaze started because of pollution in the water body, worrying hundreds of nearby residents and creating untold damage to the environment with its poisonous smoke. Let alone the city's fire service, it was reported that about 5,000 army personnel were deployed over two days to douse the fire.

A study by the Indian Institute of Science has disclosed that the toxic foam emanating from the lake is carcinogenic and is caused by "sustained inflow of untreated sewage and industrial effluents". The lake reportedly receives 500 million litres of sewage a day, and the froth is a consequence of the detergents used by households. What is most distressing, and where the role of the government is found to be woefully inadequate, is that 90 to 95 per cent of the waste dumped into the lake is domestic waste, as per the state pollution control board. The study also reveals that the sewage finding its way into the lake also contains variable amounts of heavy metals, which leads to increase in the metallic concentration in the soil and vegetation. Citizens and the National Green Tribunal have repeatedly faulted the government and the civic body for this gross neglect. Further enquiries reveal that the deficiency is of insufficient capacity of sewage treatment plants and the improper functioning of existing plants. There has been constant bickering between the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), as the former refuses to take up the work of rejuvenation unless the latter ensures that sewage water does not enter the lake.

A solution can emerge only if citizens force the government to clean up. Residents need to form vigilante bodies to force polluting industries to block inflow into the lake. They need to make the provision of adequate finances for STPs an election issue and force the government to set up a body to coordinate the BDA's and BWSSB's efforts to clean up. If the government delivers on this, they would justify the proposal to make Bengaluru the second capital of India.

- VINOD RAI - head of the Supreme Court-appointed BCCI's Committee of Administrators.

- 2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum 4) wherever necessary. Also supply a suitable title to it. (5)
- 2.2 Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. Write an advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the newspaper, regarding sale of your old mobile. Add all the relevant details.
(OR)
Prepare a poster on behalf of Delhi Police, on the importance of wearing the helmet while driving a two wheeler. With all the relevant details prepare the poster in about 50 words. (4)
4. You are Manik/Manika. Write a letter of complaint in about 120 words, to the manager of McDonald restaurant in Gurgaon on the mayhem and chaotic atmosphere that prevails there, while the orders for food are being placed by the public.
(OR)
You are Deep/Deepa, The Headboy/girl of Sunrise Public School, Faridabad. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, regarding the much needed change in our education system, that in every Government recognized school, the students should be provided all possible options of the streams to choose from in class 11, so that they can make the right career choices early in their life. (120words) (6)
5. You are Manu, a student of Class Eleven. Write a debate [for/against] on the Topic "One's Happiness in life depends on the moral strength rather than intellectual prowess." (Word limit 150-200 words)
(OR)
You are Preet, the President of XELS Club. Write a speech for the morning assembly on the topic, "You gain nothing in life if you lose your soul." (word limit 150 -200 words) (10)
6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against correct blank number: (4)
- | | Incorrect | Correct |
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| "The successful warrior is a average man, with | a) _____ | _____ |
| laser on focus," said legendary martial arts champion | b) _____ | _____ |
| and actor Bruce Lee. The dictionary defies success | c) _____ | _____ |
| as the fact that you had achieved something that | d) _____ | _____ |
| you want or have been trying to do or get. As | e) _____ | _____ |
| a testimony of the influence of India's role in | f) _____ | _____ |
| space technology, Dr.Kalam belief that the | g) _____ | _____ |
| source of success is "dreams which does not let one sleep." h) _____ | _____ | _____ |
7. Complete the following passage with one word only: (4)
'Sooner a camel a)_____ pass through a needle's eye, b)_____ a rich man come into heaven!' If we follow these famous words of Jesus c)_____ the Lutheran translation of the Bible, Jesus d)_____ have been something of a surrealist. Camels walking e)_____ needles' eyes, we'd expect to find f)_____ paintings by Salvador Dali rather than in the Holy Bible. In fact the word Kamelos g)_____ in the Greek document from which Luther made his translation, meant not animals but ropes made h)_____ cannabis.
8. The following is an extract from a medical journal. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (2)
- a) normal thinking / in which / certain circumstances / behavior / or / a mental illness / to surroundings / is a / and responses / are impaired / a person's / condition
- b) of life / not only / greatly / be harmful / of those / around you / on a / depreciate / but / it can / constant basis / who / deal with you / the quality / you can / to yourself / have to

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

9. Read the lines below and answer the questions that follow: (1x3=3)
- This child is built to my design
Yet what he loves I cannot share.
Silence surrounds us. I would have

Him prodigal, returning to
 His father's house, the home he knew,
 Rather than see him make and move
 His world. I would forgive him too,
 Shaping from sorrow, a new love.

- What is implied by the phrase 'This child is built to my design'?
- What kind of relationship of the father and son gets reflected in these lines?
- What are the earnest desires/wishes of the father expressed through these lines?

(OR)

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust layers of the globe,
 And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn
 And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,
 And make pure and beautify it;

- Who is the 'I' mentioned in the first line? What does it claim to do?
- What is implied by the phrase 'day and night'?
- What is said to be purified and beautified in the last line?

10. Answer any three of the following questions in about 50-60 words each: (3X3=9)

- 'The Tale of Melon City' exposes and criticizes the irresponsible nature of the king, the ministers and the people alike. Elucidate.
- Who was Howard Carter? What did he do to the mummy of King Tut?
- "I was absolutely not interested in all that stored stuff and naturally I was also rather afraid of it." Briefly explain the context and the reason for the fear mentioned. (The Address)
- "The funny thing is that in spite of everything, I do rather like him, I can't help it". Briefly explain the context and the inherent contradiction in these words. (The Browning Version)
- 'Childhood' discusses the subtle and definite growth process that takes place in a person's life. Analyze the insights and realizations that are highlighted in and through the poem.

11. Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words each: (6)

'Mother's Day' highlights the way women/mothers are subjugated and taken for granted by the family/society. Analyze and justify.

(OR)

In the lesson 'Birth' Dr. Andrew Manson proves to be a man of professional ethics and resourcefulness. Analyze.

12. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: (6)

The encounter of Miss. Virginia E. Otis with Sir Simon discloses a lot of unknown facts pertaining to the plot and certain aspects of life and death. It in turn leads to the ultimate salvation of the ghost of Sir Simon. Critically analyze the episode as an eye opener for Virginia and the readers alike.

(OR)

The disappearance of Virginia from the Canterville Chase causes a lot of chaos in the castle and the situation leads to a lot of anxiety and stress. Briefly explain how the vanishing of Virginia disrupts the normalcy of the Canterville Chase.

13. Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words each: (6)

Sir Simon – the Canterville Ghost is depicted as a totally different character at the beginning of the novel and in the later half of the novel. Analyze the disparity adopted by Oscar Wilde in his portrayal of Sir Simon, which ultimately changes the theme of the novel as a ghost story.

(OR)

Oscar Wilde in his attempt to make 'The Canterville Ghost' a parody of the traditional ghost stories, uses the American family of the Otises, as an instrument to bring in the element of humour/comedy. Analyze the character of the twins whose presence and pranks makes the novel – a comic ghost story.