

Instructions :

1. 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. The following excerpt is taken from the lesson "Climate change is not hysteria -it's a fact". Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

(1 x 5 = 5)

As an actor, I pretend for a living. I play fictitious characters, often solving fictitious problems. I believe mankind has looked at climate change in that same way as if it were a fiction, happening to someone else's planet, as if pretending that climate change wasn't real, would somehow make it go away.

But I think we know better than that. Every week, we're seeing new and undeniable climate events. Evidence that accelerated climate change is here now. We know that droughts are intensifying; our oceans are warming and acidifying, with methane plumes rising up from beneath the ocean floor. We are seeing extreme weather events, increased temperatures, and the West Antarctic and Greenland ice-sheets melting at unprecedented rates, decades ahead of scientific projections.

None of this is rhetoric, and none of it is hysteria. It is a fact. The scientific community knows it. The industry knows it. And governments know it. Climate change is our single greatest security threat.

1. What is the greatest security threat mentioned in the passage?
2. What do extreme weather events and increased temperatures indicate?
3. What effect does increased temperature have on Greenland ice-sheets?
4. According to the speaker, what is the attitude of mankind towards climate change?
5. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'extreme emotion that cannot be controlled'.

Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of a Dream' and answer the questions that follow.

(1 x 4 =4)

Lone in the light of that magical grove,
I felt the stars of the spirits of Love
Gather and gleam round my delicate youth,
And I heard the song of the spirits of Truth;
To quench my longing I bent me low
By the streams of the spirits of Peace that flow
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

6. Which line in the poem conveys that the poet is alone in the magical grove?
7. How do the spirits of Love show their love towards the poet?
8. 'And I heard the song of the spirits of Truth'

The imagery used here is:

- a) Visual.
b) Auditory.
c) Olfactory.
9. Pick out an example of alliteration from the given lines.

10. Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of The Rain' and prepare a note of appreciation focussing on its theme, images and poetic devices. (5 x 1 = 5)

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven
By the Gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys.

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn
To embellish the gardens.

When I cry, the hills laugh;
When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice;
When I bow, all things are elated.

The field and the cloud are lovers
And between them I am a messenger of mercy.
I quench the thirst of one;
I cure the ailment of the other.

The voice of thunder declares my arrival;
The rainbow announces my departure.
I am like earthly life, which begins at
The feet of the mad elements and ends
Under the upraised wings of death.

Questions 11-15. Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow.

(1 x 5 = 5)

An executive was travelling down a street and he was driving a bit too fast in his new Jaguar car. Suddenly, a brick smashed into his car's side door. He slammed on the brakes and took a reverse to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry executive then jumped out of the car, caught hold of the kid and shouted, "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?" The boy was apologetic. "Please...I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face, the boy pointed to a spot just around the parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up". Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me".

Moved beyond words, the executive hurriedly lifted the disabled boy back into the wheelchair and dabbed the wounds with his handkerchief. "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. The man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother

down the sidewalk towards their home. The damage on the Jaguar was very noticeable, but the executive never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of the message "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

11. Why did the executive slam the brakes?
12. What made the boy feel apologetic?
13. Comment on the change in attitude of the executive
14. The dented side door was never repaired. Why?
15. The word 'dab' means

 - a. hit at
 - b. press against
 - c. dripping

Questions 16-17. Answer any ONE of the following questions. (7 x 1 = 7)

16. Juliane Koepcke reaches home as the sole survivor of the Lansa air crash. She had a harrowing adventure in the jungle. She narrates her experiences in the jungle to her friend. Prepare the likely **narrative**.
(Hints – rain wakes her- under the seats- long stick to avoid snakes- follows streams- frightening sounds- vultures – noise of planes- stings of insects-sights and sounds of jungle-open wound on the foot-river widened-can't swim-boat- enter hut-mestizo men.)
17. 'Education is an all-round drawing out of the best in child and man-body, mind and spirit.' How far is it true with the learning experiences in the 'Tolstoy Farm'? Present your views in the form of a **write up**.
(Hints-true education system -imparts only by parents-Tolstoy Farm- a family- Gandhiji paterfamilias- building of character- moral training-literary training- building up of body-vocational training.)

Questions 18-20. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (5 x 2 = 10)

18. 'Finally the mountain spoke loud enough for everyone to hear and for the village, it was a tragedy. Being one of the protestors, you really feel sad about the tragedy and express your feelings in your diary. What would be your **diary entry** ?
19. As suggested by Achrekar sir, Sachin's father spoke to Sachin about his change of school. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Sachin and his father.
20. The English Club of your school has decided to stage the play 'Listen to the Mountain' in your school auditorium. Being the convenor of the club, draft a **notice** informing the public about the staging of the play.

Questions 21-24. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (6 x 2 = 12)

21. Based on your reading of the script of the speech 'Climate change is not hysteria-it's a fact', write your views in a **paragraph** on the topic 'The Earth is what we all have in common'.
22. The play 'Listen to the Mountain' is an eye opener to those who advocate development at the cost of the environment. Prepare a **review** of the play.
23. Gandhiji regarded character building as the proper foundation of education. As part of celebrating the 150th birthday of Gandhiji, you are asked to address your school assembly on the topic 'Character is the foundation stone of an individual'. Draft the likely **speech**.

24. The Grandmother in the play 'Listen To The Mountain' is the voice of wisdom. She raises her voice against man's encroachment of nature. Prepare the **character sketch** of grandmother.
25. Prepare a short **Profile** of Leo Tolstoy using the hints given below. (6 x 1 = 6)

Name : Lev Nikolaevich Tolstoy (Leo Tolstoy)
 Birth : 9th September 1828, Russia
 Occupation : Novelist, Short story writer, Playwright and Essayist.
 Literary Period : 1847-1910
 Notable Works : War and Peace, Anna Karenina, The Kingdom of God is Within You, Resurrection.
 Spouse : Sophia Behrs
 Death : 20th November 1910, (aged 82)

Questions (26-30) Signature recipes of two famous Indian chefs are given below. Study them and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 5=5)

	Custard Recipe	<i>(Mr Sharma)</i>
Ingredients	200ml cream 700ml milk 4 large egg yolks	3 tbsp cornflour 100g sugar 1 tspn vanilla extract
Preparation	Pour the cream and milk into a large pan and gently bring it to boiling point. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix the egg yolks, cornflour, sugar and vanilla extract. Gradually pour the hot milk mixture onto the sugar mixture stirring constantly. Pour the mixture back into the pan and gently heat it stirring continuously with a wooden spoon until the custard is thickened. Chill it and serve it as a dessert.	

	Salad Recipe	<i>(Mr Lal)</i>
Ingredients	3 cups diced tomatoes 3 cups diced cucumbers 1 cup chopped lettuce leaves	1/2tspn black pepper powder 2 tbsp olive oil 2tspn lemon juice, salt to taste
Method	Put the diced tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce in a large salad bowl. Add salt and set aside for 4 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and give the salad a gentle toss. Allow a few minutes for the flavours to blend before serving. Enjoy! It's good for health.	

26. The recipe that makes use of milk product is.....
27. 'Add the remaining ingredients and give the salad a gentle toss.'
 What are the remaining ingredients mentioned by Mr Lal?
28. Which of the above recipes can be prepared and served as a dessert?
29. Pick out the ingredient in the custard recipe that makes it unsuitable for vegetarians?
30. A health conscious individual would choose.....
31. **Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phrases given in bracket.** (1 x 4=4)
 (set off, black sheep, herculean task, felt blue, give up)

My friend got D grade in all the subjects and he(a).....He considered himself as the.....(b)..... of the class . But the teacher instilled confidence in him and offered special training to pass the exam. Next morning he(d) to school with a new spirit remembering his teacher's advice not to ... (d)..... in life.

32. Read the conversation

(1 x 2 = 2)

Narayan : Are your men ready to start the work?
Sagar : Yes, they will start the work soon.

Now, answer the following questions.

- What did Narayan ask Sagar?
- What was Sagar's reply?

33. Complete the conversation between Juliane and her mother suitably. (1x6= 6)

Mom : Juliane,(a).....?
Juliane : Yes, Mom. My packing is done.
Mom : We need to reach the airport on time.
Juliane : Mom, we are flying by Lansa flight 308,(b).....?
Mom : Yes, dear.(c).....?
Juliane : I look tired because I slept late last night but I'm fine.
Mom : I need to buy a Christmas gift for your dad.
Juliane : If we start early,(d).....
Mom : Do you know any good shops on the way to the airport?
Juliane :(e).....
Mom : We are running short of time. We had better(f).....
Juliane : That's a good idea. Let me book a cab to the airport.

34. The following is an excerpt from Juliane Koepeke's diary. There are a few errors in it. Edit them. (1x5=5)

It was the Christmas Eve on (a) 1971 and everyone were (b) eager to get home. We were angry because our flight was seven hours late. On board the flight, we enter (c) into a very heavy, dark cloud. My mother was anxious but I was OK. Ten minutes later it was obvious (d) that something was wrong. There was very heavy turbulence and the plane jumping was (e) up and down.

35. Prepare a word pyramid following the pattern given below using the word 'FLOWER'. (1x4=4)

