

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Part A (40 Marks)**Reading (20 Marks)**

1. Read the passage given below.

January 26 is celebrated as Republic Day in our country. It was on this day, in 1950, the new constitution of independent India came into force and India became a democratic republic. The Constituent Assembly headed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, took more than two years to bring the world's lengthiest constitution to its final shape. The **enormous** task before the Constituent Assembly was to frame the basic law that would formalize India as a truly democratic nation. Democracy is aptly defined as a system of Government by the people, for the people and of the people. The founding fathers of the Constitution, therefore, had to ensure that the basic law of the land contained sufficient provisions for the fulfilment of the democratic aspirations of the people of India not only in the political sphere but also in the social and economic spheres. That explains the **inclusion** of a separate part in the Constitution, called the Directive Principles of State Policy.

These principles signify the fact that the framers of the Constitution were well aware of the wide gaps and inequalities that existed among the various sections of the Indian population. The Constitution makers had the wisdom to appreciate that political democracy is meaningless when an overwhelming majority of the population is historically trapped in poverty, illiteracy, ill-health and superstition. The Central and State Governments were expected to frame policies so that every citizen is assured of a decent living standard irrespective of sex, caste, religion, language and region. The makers of our Constitution describe India as a Union of States and not as a federation. Being well conversant with the diversity of the nation in terms of the language, religion, caste and region, and its implications on the intended socio-economic development of the country as a whole, the makers of the Constitution opted for a political system in which the Central Government is equipped with overwhelming administrative, legislative and financial muscle. Most of the nations' policies and programmes for socio-economic development originate at the Central Government, and the responsibility for their successful implementation is entrusted to the states.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

1. The programmes for the socio-economic development originate at
 - a. state level
 - b. regional level
 - c. district level
 - d. central government level
2. The British had left behind.....
 - a. a developed India
 - b. a wealthy India
 - c. a poverty-stricken, illiterate India
 - d. a strong and healthy India
3. The constitution-makers describe India as a _____.
 - a. Union of states
 - b. Union of Nations
 - c. Union of territories
 - d. Union of districts

4. The constitution-makers took more than two years to bring the world's constitution to its final shape.
 - a. Simplest
 - b. lengthiest
 - c. heaviest
 - d. shortest
 5. Find the word from the passage which means the same as recognizing the good quality of somebody.
 - a. Overlook
 - b. appreciate
 - c. disparage
 - d. condemn
 6. Who is the Chairman of the Drafting Committee?
 - a. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
 - b. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
 - c. Jawahar Lal Nehru
 - d. Sachchidananda Sinha
 7. Who is the Head of the Constituent Assembly?
 - a. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
 - b. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
 - c. Jawahar Lal Nehru
 - d. Sachchidananda Sinha
 8. _____ is equipped with overwhelming administrative, legislative and financial muscle.
 - a. State Government
 - b. Constitution
 - c. Central Government
 - d. Supreme Court
 9. When did the Indian Constitution come into force?
 - a. 1949
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1948
 - d. 1950
 10. In how much time our Constitution made?
 - a. In two years
 - b. three years
 - c. In one year
 - d. More than three year
 11. Antonyms of word enormous:
 - a. Insignificant
 - b. mammoth
 - c. small
 - d. huge
 12. Synonyms of word inclusion:
 - a. Omission
 - b. oversight
 - c. Mammoth
 - d. Adding
2. Read the passage given below.

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world. This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'. The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products. But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people. The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

1. What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?
 - (a) On dal lake
 - (b) Near centaur
 - (c) On Pari Mahal
2. What is special about the seal used in the post office?
 - (a) design of a houseboat on the Dal Lake
 - (b) design of a chinar tree on the Dal Lake
 - (c) design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake

Or

I knew I could not fly up and over them, and I didn't have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or South. I ought to go back to Paris. " I thought, but I wanted to get home.

He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child.

(i) Why could he not fly over on either side of storm clouds?

- (a) because of fear. (b) because of haste
(c) less fuel in tank (d) because of dark

(ii) Why did he not go back to Paris?

- (a) wanted to join his office (b) wanted to enjoy breakfast with family
(c) Missing Paris (d) Not given in story

(iii) Which country was the pilot of the plane flying towards?

- (a) Paris (b) China
(c) England (d) USA

(iv) What does 'them' in the first paragraph refer to.

- (a) aeroplanes (b) big black clouds
(c) all pilots (d) None

(v) Why the pilot is assumed here like a child?

- (a) for misbehaving (b) for being hungry
(c) For following silently (d) for getting afraid

4. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.

(5x1=5)

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!
I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet)

(i) Which things are cut short here?

- (a) Amanda's height (b) Amanda's nails
(c) Amanda's travelling (d) Amanda's hair

(ii) What does slouching mean?

- (a) Wanted to join his office (b) wanted to enjoy breakfast with family
(c) Missing Paris (d) Not given in story

(iii) why does she hunch her shoulders?

- (a) To ignore people (b) To show confidence
(c) To tease others (d) to feel relax from pain

(iv) How is expected to sit before others?

- (a) Not straight (b) slouching
(c) straight (d) None

(v) Why the pilot is assumed here like a child?

- (a) for misbehaving (b) for being hungry
(c) For following silently (d) for getting afraid

Or

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough to hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

- (i) What is the rhyming scheme of the extract?
(a) abaa bbbcb (b) abaa bcbbb
(c) abaa bcbcb (d) abba bcbcb
- (ii) What is the poet's opinion about the world?
(a) The world will never end (b) The world will end in fire
(c) The world will end in water (d) The world will end in ice
- (iii) What do you mean by 'perish'?
(a) To grow (b) To disappear
(c) To die (d) To sink
- (iv) What is contradiction in the poem?
(a) The world will end in fire (b) The world will end in ice
(c) Both a & b (d) None
- (v) What does 'Ice' refer for?
(a) Desire (b) Hate
(c) Both a & b (d) None

GRAMMAR

(10x1=10)

5. Complete the following passage with the most appropriate words from the options given below.

(3x1=3)

I went --(a)----- yesterday evening at about 6pm to see my uncle there. Last week --(b)---an injury in his leg in a fall from the outer wall and had to be hospitalized. I asked him --(c)----and he told that he was okay except for some pain in the leg.

- (i) a. to a hospital b. to the hospital c. in hospital d. in the hospital
(ii) a. he had been sustained b. he had sustained c. he has sustained d. he has been sustained
(iii) a. how was he feeling b. how he is feeling c. how he was feeling d. how he had been feeling

6. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage with the help of given options.

(3X1=3)

Ruby: Raj, How is your knee today? Is it still giving trouble?

Raj: No. It feels a lot better today. I went to a doctor and he told me it was only a pulled ligament. I should be fine for Saturday's game.

Ruby: Great. But why don't you take it easy today? Maybe just practice throwing. Don't do any running.

Raj: OK.

Ruby asked Raj (a) -----and if it was still giving him trouble. Raj replied that (b)-----
 He told him that he had gone to the doctor, who had told that it was only a pulled ligament. He (c).....
 for Saturday's game. Ruby then suggested that he should take in easy that day and just
 practice throwing and not do any running.

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| (i) a. how his knee is that day | b. how his knee was that day |
| c. how his knee was today | d. how his knee was the next day |
| (ii) a. he feels a lot better that day | b. he is feeling a lot better that day |
| c. he felt a lot better that day | d. he had felt a lot better that day |
| (iii) a. added that he would be fine | b. added that he will be fine |
| c. added that he should be fine | d. added that he could be fine |

7. Complete the following passage with the most appropriate words from the options given, **ANY FOUR**
 out of six. (1x4=4)

An ATM, or Automated Teller is a simple machine which (a) as an extension of a bank even
 (b) the bank is closed. The machine (c) usually placed (d) a small room with
 a security guard stationed outside. You can (e) money from your account, deposit cheques,
 order (f) cheque book, get your account statements etc. The ATMs work round the year 24
 hours a day.

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| a) (i) acting | (ii) acted | (iii) acts | (iv) is acted |
| b) (i) as | (ii) which | (iii) when | (iv) where |
| c) (i) was | (ii) is | (iii) has been | (iv) should be |
| d) (i) at | (ii) of | (iii) in | (iv) on |
| e) (i) withdraw | (ii) withdrawal | (iii) withdrawn | (iv) withdrew |
| f) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) no word |

SECTION B

WRITING

(2x5= 10)

8. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words. (5x1=5)

(A) You are Rahul /Rashmi, a resident of Tilak Nagar Colony, Rae Bareli, U.P. There are no proper street lights in your locality. This leads to an increase in thefts as well as accidents.

Write a letter to The Chairman, Nagar Palika, Rae Bareli to look into the matter to redress the problem of the residents.

OR

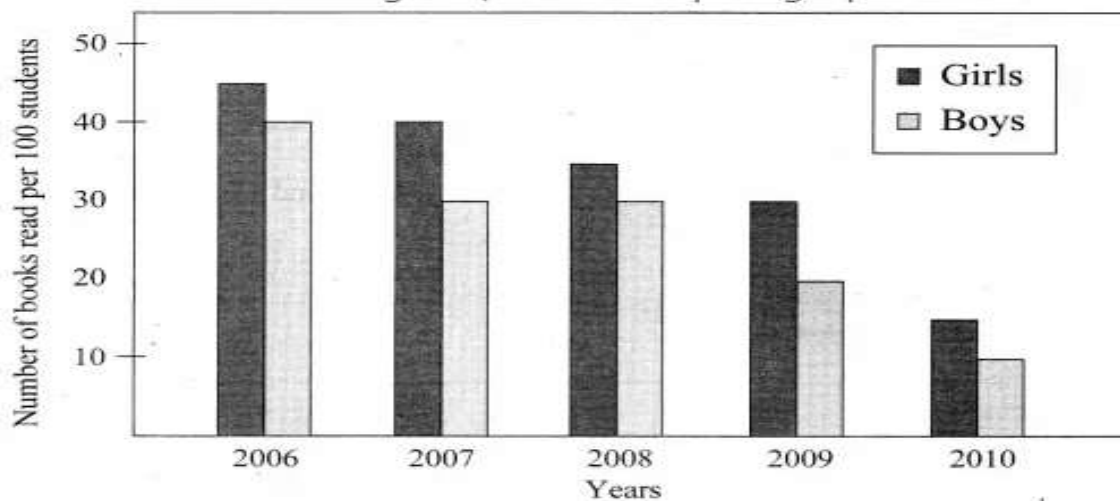
(B) You are Arun/Arunima, Secretary of Sports Club, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

Write a letter to Pioneer Sport CO., Gurugram, placing an order for a minimum of four sports items with details. Ask for a discount also.

9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words.

(5x1=5)

The following histogram clearly states how irrelevant reading has become to the present generation. Write a paragraph analysing the given data.



OR

(B) There is a fall in values in today's life. Keeping in view this cue in mind, write a paragraph on "The Need for Moral Education in Schools", so as to make the youth of today, aware of high moral standards. Write a paragraph to analyse the given cue.

LITERATURE

30 marks

Q10 – Answer **ANY TWO** questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively

(2x4=8)

A-(Any Two)

(2x2=4)

1. Why couldn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?
2. Why did Belinda cry for help? Who came to her help?
3. What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Africa?

B-(Any Two)

(2x2=4)

1. How does Doctor Herriot treat Tricky?
2. Why did Hari Singh decide to come back to Anil?
3. How was Mr., Loisel able to arrange 36000 Francs?

Q11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(3x4=12)

(A) (Any Two)

(3x2=6)

1. Lencho describes the Post office Employees "A bunch of Crooks". Were they a bunch of crooks? How would you describe them?
2. According to the poet what do 'fire' and 'ice' represent? Do you agree with him?
3. Mention three things that humans do and animals don't. (Poem- Animals)

(B) (Any Two)

(3x2=6)

1. Why do you think Bill offered to help the narrator to find Lutkins?
2. What were the reasons for Matilda's unhappiness?
3. What did Griffin do in the shop of a theatrical company?

Q12. Answer any one of the following in 100 - 120 words

(5x1=5)

(A) ."Never Mind" she said, "I can get on by myself." "You don't have to help me," said Valli to the conductor. She shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone. Taking inspiration from Valli's character, write how ability and courage to take risk are essential to fulfil one's dream.

OR

(B) Buddha said, "The world is affected by death and decay, therefore, the wise men do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world ". Do you think the statement is appropriate even for today's life? Write your views.

Q13. Answer any one of the following in 100 to 120 words

(5x1=5)

A. Anil plays a major role in the transformation of Hari Singh. Comment on the statement by highlighting the values possessed by Anil which touched Hari's heart and made him return to his honest ways of earning his livelihood.

OR

B. Matilda realised that one little act of negligence can lead to total ruin. How would you prefer to be guided to move on in life?

....End....