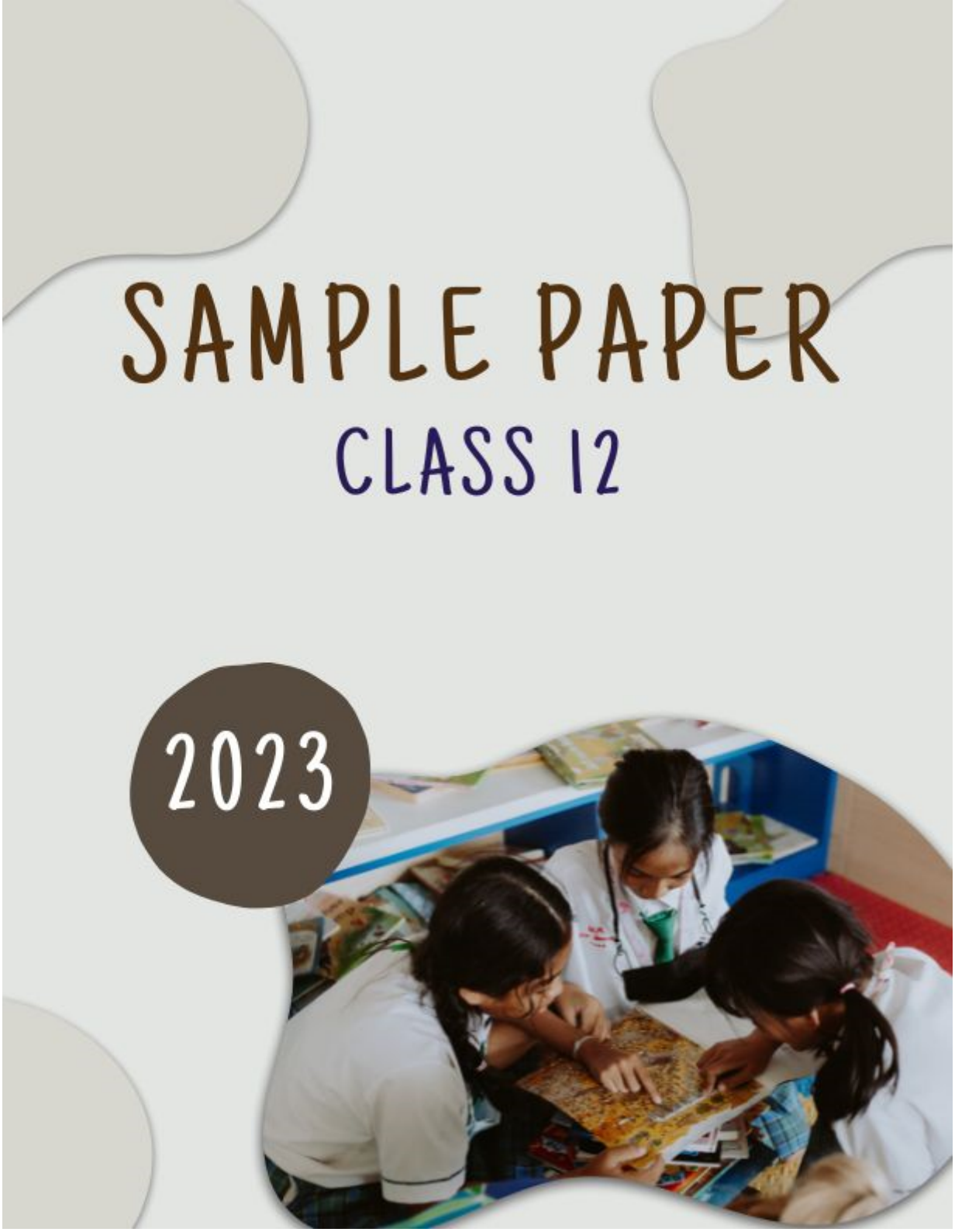
# Class 12 Solved Sample Paper 2023



**Practice Questions**
**Session - 2022-23**
**CLASS-XII**
**ENGLISH-CORE (301)**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours** **Maximum marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for reading the question paper.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections- READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

| Q.No | Section A: READING SKILLS (20 marks) | Marks |
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| I | **Read the passage given below.** | |
| | The term “poor-quality medicines” is something of a catch-all. It includes “sub-standards”, medicines that have had inadequate quality control or that have degraded from improper storage or the passage of time. And it includes falsified medicines – fakes – that claim to be what they are not. These may not be made by the manufacturer whose name is on the package and they may not contain the stated ingredients in the stated quantities. (1)<br><br>Poor-quality medicines might not work. They usually have none or only part of the ***active ingredient*** they are supposed to contain. This would mean that the illnesses of those people who consume them would be left to take their course. Consuming them can even kill you because the contaminants in the medicines can end up causing severe infections. (2)<br><br>Poor-quality medicines can be life-threatening even if you don’t take them. Antimicrobial drugs (including antibiotics and ***antivirals***) that have too little active ingredient are generally accepted to help disease-causing bugs evolve so that they develop resistance to treatment even with good-quality antimicrobials. And then these bugs spread. (3)<br><br>The factors that speed up the development of antimicrobial resistance — high rates of infections, the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials, poor sanitation, poor-quality medicines — are more common in low- and middle-income countries, which means that so is resistance. But ***microbes*** travel easily across the world in foodstuffs being exported and in the bodies of humans. And often, resistant microbes can transfer genetic material to each other to become even more dangerous to humans. (4) | |

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| | The result: infections that were simple to cure are back with a vengeance. Conditions like tuberculosis and HIV are getting harder to treat. In the future, a routine surgery could become risky and cancer treatment more challenging. There is a real danger of returning to a time where any one of us could pick up an infection and find that medicines are unable to produce the intended results. (5)<br><br>In 2010, Indians consumed the most antibiotics per person in the world. Medicines, including antimicrobials, are easily available over the counter despite rules that forbid this. A recent study found that a large number of antibiotics were on sale without being approved either in India or in the country of the manufacturer. On an international level, further complicating the picture is the fact that different countries have different standards of quality. (6)<br><br>Ensuring medicine quality is a global challenge. A pill might be manufactured from ingredients sourced from multiple countries, shipped via several ports, packaged and repackaged in various countries and ultimately sold via an internet pharmacy. The number of points at which fakes or substandards could enter the chain is staggering, so international coordination and regulation is essential. (7)<br><br>- *Srinath Perur*<br><br>***Glossary:***<br><br>*active ingredient* - a chemical component in a medicine responsible for its intended effects<br>*antivirals* - drugs that treat infections caused by viruses<br>*microbes* - microorganisms, especially the ones causing diseases | |
| | (480 words) Source (edited): 'Fake drugs: the global industry putting your life at risk' - https://mosaicscience.com/story/fake-drugs-global-antibiotics-amr-counterfeit-meds/ | |
| | Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. | |
| **i** | The term ‘poor quality medicines’ is considered to be a 'catch-all' because it _____.<br><br>A. helps consumers identify medicines that are of bad quality and reject them<br><br>B. highlights that authentic medicines contain ingredients that are of high quality<br><br>C. indicates that the issue is related to quality and helps authorities to stay vigilant<br><br>D. includes medicines that are both fake and fail to meet appropriate quality standards | 1 |

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| **ii** | Can microbes that are not directly exposed to poor quality medicines pose a threat to humans? Support your answer with reference to the text. | 1 |
| **iii** | In paragraph 6, the writer points out that antimicrobials are easily available over the counter in India despite rules that forbid this. Based on your understanding of this issue, how can you purchase medicines responsibly? | 1 |
| **iv** | Select the option that conveys the meaning of ‘staggering’ used in paragraph 7.<br><br>A. shocking<br><br>B. damaging<br><br>C. detectable<br><br>D. unplanned | 1 |
| **v** | Which of these statements is NOT true about poor-quality antimicrobials?<br><br>A. They misrepresent the amount of active ingredients that they contain.<br><br>B. The effects caused by them can be reversed with appropriate medication.<br><br>C. They can pose a serious threat even to people who do not consume them.<br><br>D. The germs exposed to them can adapt themselves to become a stronger variant. | 1 |
| **vi** | In 2013, a multinational pharmaceutical company was heavily fined by the USA for falsifying data and violating safety standards. When the same violations came to the attention of UK authorities, they did not find it to be serious enough to punish. Based on the passage, mention one fact that explains this situation. | 1 |
| **vii** | Will stopping the manufacturing of poor-quality medicines fully resolve the issue of antimicrobial resistance in low- and middle-income countries? Give a reason to support your view. | 1 |
| **viii** | Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference from the passage:<br><br>Effective quality control and regulation of medicines at their point of production alone cannot guarantee the eradication of poor quality medicines because _____. | 1 |
| **ix** | Which of these is the primary purpose of paragraph 5?<br><br>A. to give insight into the process of gene transmission in microbes<br><br>B. to list the infections that can become difficult to treat in the future | 1 |

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C. to reveal the effects that infections can produce in human bodies

D. to emphasize the serious consequences of antimicrobial resistance

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Which of these best describes the central theme of the passage?

A. The origin and evolution of drug-resistant microbes

B. The alarming reality and impact of poor-quality medicines

C. The struggles and benefits of developing high-quality medicines

D. The unique issues and challenges in low- and middle-income countries

**II** **Read the passage below.**

In the present ***technetronic*** world, protecting ourselves from cybercrimes is a necessity. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, a total of 50,035 cybercrimes were registered in 2020. That figure stood at 27,248 in 2018 and 44,735 in 2019. A total of 18,420 persons were arrested and subsequently convicted by the court for crimes. The report also revealed an alarming rise in the rate of cybercrimes against children. (1)

Everyone should be mindful of the importance of cyber security awareness. We cannot cease ourselves from digitalizing; it is essential that we move with the flow. Hence, taking measures to protect ourselves is important. (2)

A descriptive study was conducted to identify the level of basic knowledge of cybersecurity among a group of post-graduate students, who were prospective teachers, studying in a reputed university in Uttar Pradesh. The sample included 100 respondents including 40 males and 60 females. Data was collected using a questionnaire on certain dimensions of password hacking, virus attacks, cybercrime and the misuse of social media. The table below shows the responses of the participants in the study. (3)

Table 1: Responses to aspects that relate to cyber security

| **SN** | **Parameters Tested** | **'Yes' Responses (in %)** | **'No' Responses (in %)** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **I** | **Password Strength** | | |
| (i) | Changes password periodically | 53.8 | 46.2 |
| (ii) | Reuses previous password | 46.2 | 53.8 |
| (iii) | Uses same password for each account | 44.5 | 55.5 |

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| (iv) | Shares password with others | 15.4 | 84.6 |
| (v) | Accepts prompt to save password | 51 | 49 |
| (vi) | Uses common dictionary words as password | 17.3 | 82.7 |
| **II** | **Virus Attack** | | |
| (i) | Protects laptop using Antivirus software | 79.6 | 29.4 |
| (ii) | Checks viruses with a virus scanner | 52 | 48 |
| (iii) | Downloads free software from untrustworthy sources | 22 | 78 |
| **III** | **Cybercrime** | | |
| (i) | Has been a victim of a cyberattack | 11.8 | 88.2 |
| (ii) | Has reported cyberattacks to the authorities | 2 | 98 |
| (iii) | Has knowledge of cybercrime investigation cell | 32 | 68 |
| (iv) | Has knowledge of registration of cybercrimes | 22 | 78 |
| (v) | Has knowledge of Information Technology Act | 21.6 | 78.4 |
| **IV** | **Social Media Behaviour** | | |
| (i) | Has unknown people as friends on social media | 52.9 | 47.1 |
| (ii) | Shares personal information on social media | 23.5 | 76.5 |

The study also revealed that in many cases, friends, family members or even partners are found to be guilty of the crimes reported. Also, though men and women are both prone to cybercrimes, it was noticed that women were victims of these crimes more than men. Everyone must make a unified effort towards building a safe digital world for all. (4)

***Glossary:***

*technetronic* - involving advances in technology and electronics

(418 words) Sources (edited): 'The Importance of Cyber Security Awareness' - http://ijrar.com/upload_issue/ijrar_issue_20544212.pdf; Cyber Crimes On The Rise; Double In Two Years; U.P. Leading - https://www.deshabhimani.com/english/news/kerala/cyber-crimes-on-the-rise-doubles-in-two-years-up-leading/5005

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

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| **i** | Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage?<br><br>It is appropriate that parents withhold their children from accessing social media until they are at least 13 years old.<br><br>Select from the following:<br><br>True - if the statement agrees with the information<br>False - if the statement contradicts the information<br>Not Given - if there is no information on this | 1 |
| **ii** | Since today's children are familiar with the internet from an early age, is it necessary that they are trained in cyber safety? Support your answer with reference to the text. | 1 |
| **iii** | The most likely reason for including point (ii) under 'Social Media Behaviour' is to find out if respondents _____.<br><br>A. are truthful about their personal details being shared<br><br>B. check whether people like to stay connected virtually<br><br>C. are at the risk of their shared personal details being misused<br><br>D. check whether privacy settings on social media are user-friendly | 1 |
| **iv** | Based on your inference from the passage, complete the sentence below.<br><br>The National Commission for Women (NCW) has recently launched a program under which 60,000 women were trained in digital literacy and online safety across India.<br><br>We may say this is essential because _____. | 1 |
| **v** | Why does the passage refer to the NCRB data in paragraph 1?<br><br>A. to convey the relevance of raising cyber security awareness<br><br>B. to highlight the role of the bureau in promoting cyber security<br><br>C. to show that only a small percentage of cyber criminals are convicted<br><br>D. to indicate that the rate of cyber crimes decreased between 2019 and 2020 | 1 |

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| **vi** | The current study attempts to find out whether the participants have knowledge of the Information Technology Act because it can help them understand the _____.<br><br>A. ethical and safe practices to combat cybercrimes<br><br>B. cybercrimes registered and their current status<br><br>C. trends in cybercrimes and their social impact<br><br>D. rules and penalties relating to cybercrimes | 1 |
| **vii** | Considering the background of the people who participated in the study, why do their responses to points (iii), (iv) and (v) under 'Cybercrime' raise concerns? | 1 |
| **viii** | Paragraph 2 makes it clear that the best way to ensure cyber safety is to remain _____.<br><br>A. unified<br><br>B. cautious<br><br>C. optimistic<br><br>D. persistent | 1 |
| **ix** | Complete the sentence appropriately in one/two words.<br><br>In the table given, the responses to point (ii) under 'Cybercrime' show that people may feel _____ about reporting crimes to the concerned authorities. | 1 |
| **x** | Based on the reading of the text, state an argument to challenge the given statement.<br><br>If people interact through social media only with others who are personally known to them, they need not worry about being victims of cybercrimes. | 1 |
| **III** | **SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING** | |
| | *All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.* | |
| **1.** | Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. | |
| **A** | You are Anusha Raj, the President of the Social Science club in your school. Your club is organising a visit to a local handloom centre. Draft a notice in about 50 words, for the school notice board, addressing students of classes X-XII, informing them about this event and encouraging them to participate in it and buy handloom goods. Mention how the visit can boost the morale of the local weavers. | 5 |

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| | **OR** | |
| **B** | As the President of the school photography club, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, informing the students of classes X-XII about the theme of the upcoming photography competition. Mention when and how students can submit their entries. You are Dhruv Prasad. | 5 |
| **2.** | Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. | |
| **A** | You are Amrutha Sudhan, a famous Indian entrepreneur. You have received an invitation from the Director, the Givinity Foundation, Telangana, to be a speaker at an international conference titled 'Responsible Leadership and Community Empowerment' that will be conducted on 05 August, 2023 at 3 p.m. in Hampshire Plaza, Hyderabad. Respond to accept the invitation in about 50 words. | 5 |
| | **OR** | |
| **B** | Your mother, Pamir Roy, is going to set up an indoor plant store in Matrix mall, Guwahati, Assam. Draft an invitation in about 50 words, which she can use to invite her friends and family to the inaugural event of the business that will take place in the mall. | 5 |
| **3.** | Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. | |
| **A** | Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) refers to a group of developmental disabilities that can affect a person's ability to communicate and interact socially. It is reported that every 1 in 100 children below 10 years has autism in India. You are Thara George, a speech therapist experienced in treating children with special needs. From your experience, you feel that Indian parents in general tend to keep such children away from the normal social structure and are hesitant to get the needed professional help. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 120-150 words, helping the parents to understand strengths of autistic children and encouraging them to help the children reach their full potential by seeking speech therapy. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.<br><br>**Strengths of Autistic Children**<br>• detail-oriented<br>• passionate about interests<br>• straightforward and non-judgemental<br>• able to retain and recall information<br>• able to reason and think logically<br><br>⟺<br><br>**Advantages of Speech Therapy**<br>• articulate words better<br>• enjoy social interaction<br>• improve verbal and non-verbal communication<br>• understand non-verbal communication and social cues | 5 |
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| **B** | You are Thara George, an experienced speech therapist working in a reputed private hospital in Ernakulam, Kerala. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised.<br><br>**Join Our Team**<br>as a **Speech Therapist**<br><br>**Primary Responsibilities:**<br>• Assessing, diagnosing, screening, and preventing speech disorders<br>• Using effective therapies and implementing innovative techniques to treat patients<br>• Assessing patient progress and adapting treatment methods if required<br>• Training and mentoring speech therapy students<br>• Providing needed support and education for patients and their family members<br><br>**Job Requirements:**<br>• Master of Science in Speech-Language Therapy<br>• Good understanding of speech-related disorders and treatments<br>• Experience in treating both adults and children<br>• Readiness to engage in scientific study<br><br>**Apply Now!**<br><br>**Send Your Resume within 15 days to PK Neurosciences Research Institute Pvt Ltd, Jaipur, Rajasthan**<br>**For further details, please check our website: www.pkinstitutions.com/careers/therapists**<br><br>Write a letter to PK Neurosciences Research Institute Pvt Ltd along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the position vacant. | 5 |
| **4** | Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. | |
| **A** | A study revealed that the lives of up to 59% of people who suffered from an injury could have been saved if the victims had been given some type of simple first aid. As a columnist for a health magazine, draft an article in about 120-150 words, on the importance of the general public having basic life-saving skills. Discuss the advantages of first aid knowledge and encourage people to acquire the needed training for it. Support your ideas with the cues given below. | 5 |

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| | **Headlines**<br>• THE PLAGUE OF 'DOING NOTHING' IS ENDANGERING THOUSANDS OF LIVES<br>• SHOW THAT YOU CARE: STEP UP AND TAKE ACTION<br>• LEARN FIRST AID: PRESERVE LIFE, PREVENT DETERIORATION AND PROMOTE RECOVERY<br>• FIRST AID TRAINING: THE NEED OF THE HOUR<br>• SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES MUST PROVIDE FIRST AID EDUCATION | |
| | OR | |
| **B** | Globally, the lack of basic first aid knowledge was found to be endangering many lives. A free one-day course to teach people basic first aid was organised by 'Lend a hand', an NGO in Calicut, Kerala as a part of the World First-Aid Day, 2022. You were asked to cover this event as the correspondent of a local daily. Write a report covering this event in about 120-150 words. Support your ideas with outline cues given below, to craft your newspaper report.<br><br>**One-day Workshop: Programmes**<br>Talks by experienced trainers — Meaning of first-aid — Types of injuries<br>First-aid kit — Roles and responisbilites of first aiders — Assessing emergencies<br>Demonstrations and partner practice — Vote of thanks — Audience feedback | 5 |
| | **SECTION C** | |
| **IV** | Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context. | |
| **1** | **Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.** | |
| **1.A** | Those who prepare green wars,<br>wars with gas, wars with fire,<br>victory with no survivors,<br>would put on clean clothes<br>and walk about with their<br>brothers<br>in the shade, doing nothing.<br>What I want should not be<br>confused<br>with total inactivity.<br><br>(Keeping Quiet) | |
| **i** | Which of these uses the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract? | 1 |

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| | A. The boy ran at lightning speed.<br><br>B. The little joys of life are necessary.<br><br>C. The absence of his presence was felt.<br><br>D. The hooter buzzed when the shooter shot. | |
| **ii** | From the extract, identify the line or phrase that suggests the following:<br><br>Humans are involved in the exploitation of natural resources. | 1 |
| **iii** | Based on the extract, which of these best describes the poet?<br><br>(i) prudent<br>(ii) spiritual<br>(iii) visionary<br>(iv) methodical<br><br>A. (i) and (ii)<br><br>B. (i) and (iii)<br><br>C. (ii) and (iv)<br><br>D. (ii), (iii) and (iv) | 1 |
| **iv** | Complete the sentence appropriately in no more than TWO words.<br><br>When the poet says that people who participate in wars 'would put on clean clothes' he means that they should _____. | 1 |
| **v** | Based on the extract, select the correct option with reference to (1) and (2).<br><br>(1) Not every win is a triumph.<br>(2) Self reflection is crucial to evolution.<br><br>A. (1) is the result of (2)<br><br>B. Both (1) and (2) are true<br><br>C. Both (1) and (2) are false<br><br>D. (1) is a hypothesis based on (2) | 1 |
| **vi** | Which of these is an appropriate title for the extract?<br><br>A. Standing in Solitude<br><br>B. Looking for Prosperity | 1 |

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| | C. The Desire for Renewal<br><br>D. The Road to Uncertainty | |
| | **OR** | |
| **1.B** | ‘Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,<br>Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;<br>And such too is the grandeur of the dooms<br>We have imagined for the mighty dead;<br>All lovely tales that we have heard or read;<br>An endless fountain of immortal drink,<br>Pouring unto us from the heaven’s brink. | |
| **i** | Based on the extract, complete the following analogy:<br><br>have heard: alliteration :: .....: oxymoron | 1 |
| **ii** | Which of these best indicates the phrase 'mid forest brake'?<br><br>A. hidden pond<br><br>B. mass of shrubs<br><br>C. canopy of trees<br><br>D. sparkling stream | 1 |
| **iii** | According to the extract, which of these bring joy to human life?<br><br>(i) shady trees<br>(ii) delightful drinks<br>(iii) fragrant flowers<br>(iv) changing seasons<br>(v) enchanting stories<br><br>A. (i) and (iii)<br><br>B. (iii) and (v)<br><br>C. (i), (iv) and (v)<br><br>D. (ii), (iii) and (iv) | 1 |
| **iv** | Complete the given sentence appropriately.<br><br>When the poet mentions 'an endless fountain of immortal drink', he refers to _____. | 1 |

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| **v** | Based on the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.<br><br>(1) Beautiful things are blessings from the divine.<br>(2) Beauty is an outcome of imagination.<br><br>A. Only (1) can be inferred from the extract.<br><br>B. Only (2) can be inferred from the extract.<br><br>C. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.<br><br>D. Neither (1) nor (2) can be inferred from the extract. | 1 |
| **vi** | Which of these best describes the tone of the poet in the given extract?<br><br>A. nostalgic<br><br>B. generous<br><br>C. passionate<br><br>D. contemplative | 1 |
| **2** | **Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.** | |
| **2.A** | The dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest the tiger launched its satyagraha and refused to get out of the car. The dewan was thoroughly exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground. On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the Maharaja's presence and stood as if in humble supplication, "Master, what do you command of me?'' It was with boundless joy that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a crumpled heap. | |
| **i** | According to the extract, how is the author's portrayal of the tiger different from real life? | 1 |
| **ii** | Which of these best describes the Maharaja and the Dewan, based on the extract?<br><br>A. Dewan: gullible; Maharaja: narcissistic<br><br>B. Dewan: conscientious; Maharaja: cruel<br><br>C. Dewan: submissive; Maharaja: perceptive<br><br>D. Dewan: unremarkable; Maharaja: unrealistic | 1 |
| **iii** | Which of these can be best used as a title for this extract?<br><br>A. The Big Cat | 1 |

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| | B. The Shrewd King<br><br>C. The Tiger's Legacy<br><br>D. The Perils of Kingship | |
| **iv** | In one sentence, explain what the author means when he says that 'the tiger launched its satyagraha'. | 1 |
| | **OR** | |
| **2.B** | I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder. | |
| **i** | Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.<br><br>The writer refers to herself as a 'wooden puppet' because _____. | 1 |
| **ii** | Which of these best describes the change in the author's attitude from the beginning to end of the extract?<br><br>A. hostility followed by guilt<br><br>B. misery followed by apathy<br><br>C. rebellion followed by despair<br><br>D. denial followed by vengeance | 1 |
| **iii** | Which of these can be best used as a title for this extract?<br><br>A. The Sea of Turmoil<br><br>B. The Price of Freedom<br><br>C. The Burden of Beauty<br><br>D. The Road Towards Maturity | 1 |
| **iv** | In one sentence, state why the writer uses the phrase 'gnaw off' while referring to her hair being cut? | 1 |
| **3** | Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given. | |
| **3.A** | The Champaran episode was a turning-point in Gandhi's life. ''What I did," he explained, "was a very ordinary thing. I declared that the British could not order me about in my own country." But Champaran did not begin as an act of defiance. It grew out of an attempt to alleviate the distress of large numbers of poor peasants. This was the typical Gandhi pattern — his politics were intertwined with the practical, day-to-day problems of the millions. His | |

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| | was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was a loyalty to living, human beings. In everything Gandhi did, moreover, he tried to mould a new free Indian who could stand on his own feet... | |
| **i** | In the extract, the phrase 'loyalty to abstractions' refers to a strong commitment to _____.<br><br>A. selected groups<br><br>B. simple pleasures<br><br>C. certain ideologies<br><br>D. governmental authorities | 1 |
| **ii** | Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:<br><br>change: transform :: relieve: _____. | 1 |
| **iii** | Select the correct option to fill in the blank.<br><br>The primary motive of Gandhi's actions was to _____.<br><br>A. make Indians self-reliant<br><br>B. eradicate peasant poverty<br><br>C. unite the people of Champaran<br><br>D. expose the incompetence of the British | 1 |
| **iv** | Which of these best describes the primary purpose of the extract?<br><br>A. It highlights Gandhi's intention to use peasants to overthrow colonial power.<br><br>B. It points out why the Champaran episode is still relevant in free modern India.<br><br>C. It explains the differences between the political strategies of Gandhi and the British.<br><br>D. It shows how Gandhi's position in the Champaran struggle reflected his political views. | 1 |
| **v** | Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer Gandhi's view of his own accomplishments (clue: a word). | 1 |
| **vi** | Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract. | 1 |

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| | Gandhi uses the words 'turning point' to refer to the Champaran incident because it _____. | |
| | **OR** | |
| **3.B** | No one can imagine how sad and monotonous life can appear to such a vagabond, who plods along the road, left to his own meditations. But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly he was struck by the idea that the whole world about him — the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages — was nothing but a big rattrap. It had never existed for any other purpose than to set baits for people. | |
| **i** | According to the extract, which of these words best describes the man?<br><br>A. reflective<br><br>B. impulsive<br><br>C. indifferent<br><br>D. simpleminded | 1 |
| **ii** | Rewrite the given sentence after replacing the underlined phrase with its synonym.<br><br>It had never existed for any other purpose than to <u>set baits for</u> people. | 1 |
| **iii** | On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.<br><br>(1) The world offers living beings a life full of pleasure.<br>(2) However, only compassionate people can enjoy those pleasures.<br><br>A. (2) has been caused by (1)<br><br>B. (2) is a hypothesis based on (1)<br><br>C. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can be<br><br>D. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot be | 1 |
| **iv** | In one sentence, rationalise the given statement.<br><br>It is challenging for others to be able to understand the despair of a vagabond's life. | 1 |
| **v** | Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.<br><br>The man who thought that the world was a rattrap lived a life that was <u>interesting</u>. | 1 |
| **vi** | The mood of the extract can be best described as _____. | 1 |

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| | A. cautious<br><br>B. malicious<br><br>C. melancholic<br><br>D. apprehensive | |
| **V** | **Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each.** | |
| **i** | 'A smile does not always indicate happiness.'<br><br>Does My Mother at Sixty-Six reflect this statement? Justify your response with an example from the poem. | 2 |
| **ii** | What does the description of Mukesh's family in Lost Spring reveal about gender roles? | 2 |
| **iii** | What does Asokamitran's narrative in Poets and Pancakes demonstrate about Subbu? | 2 |
| **iv** | 'It is only when we are fearless that we begin to create.'<br><br>Does this statement hold true in the case of the poem, Aunt Jennifer's Tigers? Support your stance with evidence from the text. | 2 |
| **v** | In Deep Water, which qualities of the swimming instructor played a role in helping Douglas overcome his fear? | 2 |
| **vi** | State any two characteristics that can be inferred about the people from the countryside in The Roadside Stand. | 2 |
| **VI** | **Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.** | |
| **i** | In The Enemy, Hana's thoughts and actions regarding Tom were in discord. Support this statement with examples from the text. | 2 |
| **ii** | In On the Face of It, Mr. Lamb told Derry about his tin leg and how kids called him 'Lamey Lamb'. Why do you think Mr. Lamb shared these details? State two reasons to support your answer. | 2 |
| **iii** | Identify Tishani Doshi's writing style in Journey to the End of the Earth and state two aspects that characterise it using examples from the text. | 2 |
| **VII** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words** | |
| **i** | Franz from The Last Lesson and the peddler from The Rattrap demonstrate the importance of learning from our mistakes to evolve into better people. Imagine that Shubhangi, your friend, feels as if she has made a mistake by not taking her academics seriously. Write an essay to Shubhangi in 120–150 words discussing instances from the two texts to give her an insight into the human tendency to make mistakes and learn from them.<br><br>You may begin like this:<br>Shubhangi, all of us have made mistakes at one point or another in our lives. After all, to err is human..... | 5 |
| | **OR** | |

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| **ii** | 'The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home.'<br>(The Lost Spring)<br><br>'...far from the city we make our roadside stand and ask for some city money to feel in hand'.<br>(A Roadside Stand)<br><br>Create a conversation between a bangle maker and the owner of a roadside stand with reference to the above extracts.<br><br>You may begin the conversation like this:<br>Owner of a roadside stand: Your bangles are pretty. Tell me about your experience in this business. | 5 |
| **VIII** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.** | |
| **i** | Imagine that a few days after Mr. Lamb's fall from the ladder, Derry writes his thoughts on how his meeting with Mr Lamb changed his perspective towards life. Think of yourself as Derry and express these thoughts.<br><br>You may begin like this:<br>A few days ago, I met an extraordinary person.... | 5 |
| | **OR** | |
| **ii** | Both the general (The Enemy) and the Maharaja (The Tiger King), deal with death. They are powerful figures confronted by a similar fate.<br><br>You wish to include both of these characters in an upcoming play. As a part of your research essay, compare and contrast their experiences and their responses to these experiences in 120–150 words. [Clue: Include the similarities and differences of their circumstances - their way of dealing with things - their ultimate fate] | 5 |

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