

General Instructions:

1. The Assignment contains **THREE** sections-**READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING AND LITERATURE.**
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

1. Read the following passage carefully.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

1. The Road to Success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution - lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spark called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith and a driver called God, you will eventually make it to a place called success!
2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road will be unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become the stepping-stones.
3. The key thing to realise is that working harder is the same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills, People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
4. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others. It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement that they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude, lie the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.
6. Success can be measured from two standpoints-the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and the recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow:

1. Complete the given statement:

The qualities that lead one to the place called success are _____

2. Why is the road to success is said to be curved? Examine in about 40 words.

3. What determines the difference between a disaster and triumph? Answer in about 40 words.

4. Complete the given statement:

Externally success is measured by_____

5. According to the text, what is the relationship between working harder and smarter?
6. What are the qualifications required to work smarter?

7. The synonym of 'victory' as given in paragraph 2 is:

- (A) planning (B) preparation (C) triumph (D) challenges

8. The synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5 is————

SECTION B : GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

GRAMMAR

2. Complete the following tasks as directed.

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of a letter.

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that the students of our school(wish) to visit the Jim Corbett National Park as a part of our summer excursion trip in the month of May.

(ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

The rise or control of artificial intelligence (AI) is impacting society, as a whole.

Use the given format for your response.

| Error | Correction |
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| | |

(iii) Complete the given narrative by filling the blank with correct option.

Please step out of the car, Mr. Saran. Do you realise you _____ over 90 mph?

- (a) were driving (b) have driven (c) had been driving (d) had driven

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.

In conclusion, this study explores the association among short-sleep pattern and overweight youngsters.

| Options | Error | Correction |
|---------|----------|------------|
| a) | explores | explore |
| b) | and | or |
| c) | among | between |
| d) | in | for |

(v) Read the conversation between Ganga and Gautham. Complete the sentence by reporting Gautham's reply correctly.

Ganga: How did you spend your holidays?

Gautham: I went for cricket coaching. What did you do?

Ganga asked Gautham how he had spent his holidays. Gautham said that _____ during the holidays.

(vi) Report the following question.

The teacher asked Arjun, "Why are you talking?"

WRITING

3. Given below is the beginning of a story. Complete it in about 100-120 words.

It was Sunday. Sumita got up late in the morning and was horrified to see two dangerous looking men talking to her father in a threatening manner. At once she concluded.....

LITERATURE

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

No motion has she now, no force-
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal
course

With rocks and stones and trees

a) What is this poem about?

b) What was the name of the girl whom the poet loved?

i) Pussy ii) Lucy iii) Tarsy iv) None

c) Why has the poet used the rocks, stones and trees? What context does he express through them?

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

Intruder: Thanks a lot. You'll soon stop being smart. I'll make you crawl. I want to know a few things, see.

Gerrard: Anything you like. I know all the answers. But before we begin I should like to change my position; you may be comfortable, but I am not.

Intruder: Sit down there, and no funny business. (Motions to a chair, and seats himself on the divan by the bag.) Now then, we'll have a nice little talk about yourself!

Gerrard: At last a sympathetic audience! I'll tell you the story of my life. How as a child I was stolen by the gypsies, and why at the age of thirty-two, I find myself in my lonely Essex cottage, how...

a) Who was the intruder?

(A) a thief (B) a criminal C) a priest (D) a soldier

b) Complete the given statement:

The intruder wished to_____.

c) Which story of childhood was told by Gerrard to intruder?

6. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each. (Any Three)

a) What activities did the author see going on at the bank of the river Bagmati?
(Kathmandu)

b) Can Maria Sharapova be considered as a patriot? (Reach for the Top)

c) How does the Earth unite us? (No Men are Foreign)

d) Why does the author break down in tears after the fire? (A House is not a Home)

7. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words.

What is your opinion about killing a tree? Is it justified to cut trees? What are the feelings of the poet? (On Killing a Tree)

OR

What saved the life of Johnsy - Sue's care, Behrman's sacrifice or change in her own attitude? Give reasons for your answer. (The Last Leaf)