

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections – READING, GRAMMAR & 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.

SECTION A: READING (26 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below. (10)

1. Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing in September 1995 had emphasized that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of the women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasised the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.
2. The Constitution of India had conferred on women equal rights and opportunities political, social, educational and of employment with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.
3. The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.
4. The prevailing cultural norms of gender behaviour and the perceived domestic and reproductive roles of women tend to affect the education of girls. Negative attitude towards sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility, early marriage, poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girl's participation in education.
5. Women's political empowerment got a big boost with the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993 which gave them 30 per cent reservation in Village Panchayats, Block Samities and Zila Parishads throughout the country. The National Commission for Women was also set up in 1992 to act as a lobby for women's issues.
6. The educational system is the only institution which can counteract the deep foundations of inequality of sexes that are built in the minds of people through the socialization process. Education is the most important instrument of human resource development. Educational system should be used to revolutionize the traditional attitudes and inculcate new values of equality.

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

(i) What is generally woman's approach in handling situations?

(ii) No lasting solution of society's problems could be found without _____.

(a) respecting women

(b) giving equal status to women

(c) educating women

(d) the participation and empowerment of women

(iii) Why are many women not allowed to enjoy the basic rights and opportunities?

(iv) How can the prevailing disparity between men and women be bridged?

(v) Women's empowerment got a big boost due to _____.

- (a) National Commission for Women (b) Cultural Norms
(c) Human Development (d) Panchayati raj Act of 1993

(vi) Choose a suitable word from para 2 to complete the analogy.

hammer : tool :: guitar : _____

(vii) Literacy in women will lead to



(a) Image 1



(b) Image (2)



(c) Image (3)



(d) Image (4)

(viii) 'Education and empowerment of women are closely related.' Explain.

(ix) The synonym of 'prevent' as used in para 6 is _____.

- (a) revolutionise (b) counteract (c) inculcate (d) inequality

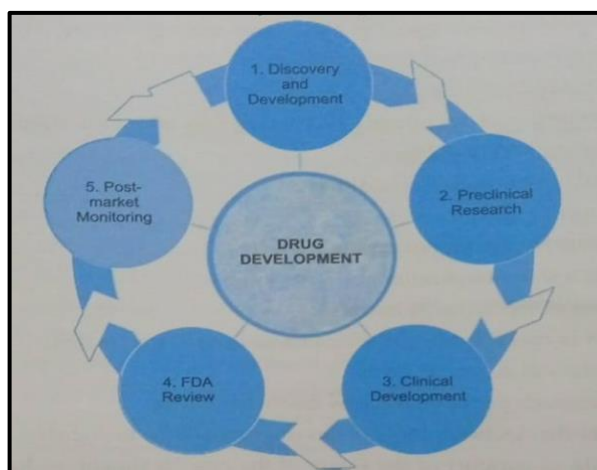
(x) Participation of women is not required in _____.

- (a) socio-economic issues (b) political issues
(c) international issues (d) None of these

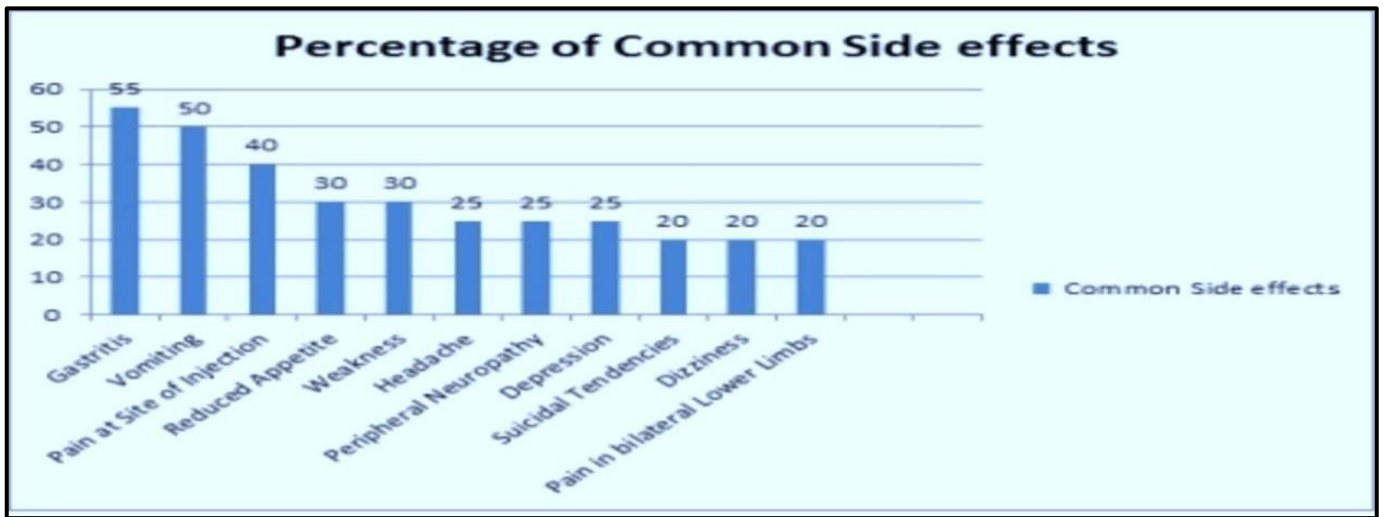
Q2. Read the passage given below.

(8)

1. As per the global survey, this is a general tendency to give undue importance to our health issues and get panicky about them. The next step in this panic situation is to hunt and consume every possible medicine available on this planet. We don't realise that these medicines can be harmful to us in the long run as a large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause, and the problem becomes a chronic one. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched.
2. Each new drug undergoes the following steps of development before getting the final nod to be launched in the market for community consumption.



3. After such stringent steps of research and development, medicines have their side effects which affect most of the consumers adversely. Here's a survey about these adverse effects people go through and unfortunately suffer throughout the rest of their lives.



4. This is the time when people realise the importance of yoga therapy, though slow yet effective and miraculous. You may take medicine for a quick relief but to eradicate the problem completely, yoga is the only solution as it works on the root cause of the ailment.
5. Yoga has the power to heal our mind, body and soul. It is a way of life which helps us develop intra and interpersonal skills as well. When one conquers all inner conflicts, then there's peace all around in the outer world as well. Yogic practice emphasises on a code of ethics, discipline, balance between mind and body combined with prayer and meditation. The yogic postures, the breathing exercises and the 'Om' chanting help one relieve mental tensions and change attitudes. Simple Asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and release tensions.
6. The humans must understand the needs of their body and address them with absolute dedication without delaying them to the extent that they become unmanageable and then we end up consuming these pills which raises a question-mark to our well-being.

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

- (i) What is the general tendency of human beings?
- (ii) Why are medicines harmful to us?
 - (a) They are expensive, hence not pocket friendly.
 - (b) They provide a short-term relief.
 - (c) Prolonged use of medicines is harmful.
 - (d) They work only on symptoms, ignoring the root cause.
- (iii) Which is the most and least severe adverse effect of medicines?
- (iv) Which of the following suffices the steps undertaken in 'clinical development'?
 - (a) The meeting for discovering a new drug.
 - (b) Testing on people to ensure safety and effectiveness of the drug.
 - (c) The sales review of the drug.
 - (d) The distribution plan for the new drug.
- (v) Match the following disorders in column A with their meanings in column B:

Column A	Column B
1. Gastritis 2. Vomiting 3. Depression 4. Dizziness	(i) A sensation of feeling unsteady (ii) the inside of the stomach becomes swollen and painful (iii) a mood disorder (iv) throwing up

- (a) 1 – (iii), 2 – (iv), 3 – (ii), 4 – (i)
- (c) 1 – (ii), 2 – (iv), 3 – (i), 4 – (iii)

- (b) 1 – (iv), 2 – (iii), 3 – (i), 4 – (ii)
- (d) 1 – (ii), 2 – (iv), 3 – (iii), 4 – (i)

(vi) How can we get rid of our health issues permanently?

(vii) What should be addressed with utter diligence?

(viii) The word 'stringent' in para 3 means the same as _____.

- (a) simple (b) stressed (c) severe (d) silent

Q3. Read the passage given below carefully.

(8)

1. Everyone needs a holiday, both to relax and to have a change of environment. The holidaymakers feel relaxed and refreshed at the end of the holiday and look forward to the resumption of their duties, be it at school, office, or factories, with renewed vigour. This is the reason why all establishments grant their employee's annual leave. With the end of the academic year, the schools and universities grant their pupils a long holiday during mid-summer. This lasts until early September when the new school term starts. Of course, the parents will like to take advantage of this and take their leave to coincide with the children's vacations. This has become a traditional holiday season in most European countries, particularly in England.
2. With the coming of August, the traditional holiday season in Britain reaches its peak point and most of the holiday resorts are packed to capacity. In order to avoid the crowd, some prefer to take their holiday a little earlier if facilities so warrant. Those who have already taken their holidays can console themselves not only with reflections on the happy days spent in the country, at the seaside or abroad but also with the thought that holiday expenses are over for the year and that by taking an earlier holiday they have missed the August rush.
3. The main thing, of course, is the weather and that would be hazardous to prophesy. But whatever the weather is like, the essence of a holiday for most is the carefree atmosphere in which it can be enjoyed. "Take all you need but leave your worries behind" is the sound advice for the holidaymaker. Private worries are not always easy to escape from. However, even the pessimist would admit that for the moment things appear brighter than they have been.
4. Holiday time is surely a time for shedding serious pre-occupations and seeking the pleasures that appeal to us. It is true that we may not always succeed in finding them, indeed there are people who maintain that the great thing about the holiday is that it gives you an ampler appreciation of home comforts – a view no doubt more widely held among the elderly than you.

3.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations. Also, supply a title to it.

(5)

3.2 Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made.

(3)

SECTION B: GRAMMAR & WRITING (7 + 16 Marks)

Q4. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option.

(1x4=4)

(i) Students believe that those who write long answers get _____ marks.

- (a) more (b) many (c) much (d) most

(ii) I wish I _____ in the competition.

- (a) have participated (b) had participated (c) participated (d) participate

(iii) Freya got _____ beautiful souvenir from Paris.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) those

(iv) There are _____ birds sitting on the tree.

- (a) few (b) much (c) any (d) most

Q5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example for you.

(1x3=3)

	Incorrect	Correction
(a) Teenage is a spring of man's life.	e.g. a	the
(b) It is perceive as the most joyful	_____	_____
(c) and exciting period of a individual's	_____	_____
(d) life. Teenagers are bubble with life.	_____	_____

Q6. Principal, Sunrise Global School, Agra requires a receptionist for her school. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a newspaper giving all the necessary details of qualifications and experience required in the receptionist. (3)

Q7. Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words on kindness to animals to be displayed in the city at public places appealing to people to show kindness to animals. You are Secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Delhi. (3)

Q8. You are Priya/Piyush. You are a member of the Environment Club of your school. After visiting many places, you have realized that it is the need of the hour to protect environment. You decide to create awareness among the students. Write a speech in 120-150 words on 'Environmental protection' to be delivered in the morning assembly. (5)

Q9. Write a debate either for or against the motion: 'Participation in sports is a mere wastage of time'. (Word limit: 120-150 words) (5)

SECTION C: LITERATURE (31 Marks)

Q10. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow. (1x10=10)

**A. *I do not understand this child
Though we have lived together now
In the same house for years. I know
Nothing oh him, so try to build
Up a relationship from how
He was when small.***

- (i) Who is 'I' in the stanza? Which child is 'I' talking about?
- (ii) Why does 'I' feel that he knows nothing of 'him'?
- (iii) How does 'I' feel about his relationship with the child?
 - (a) he feels happy
 - (b) he feels uncomfortable
 - (c) he feels excited
 - (d) he feels relaxed

B. *Extended banks of cloud like long French loaves glowed pink as the sun emerged to splash the distant mountain tops with a rose-tinted blush. Now that we were leaving Ravu, Lhamo said she wanted to give me farewell present. One evening I'd told her through Daniel that I was heading towards Mount Kailash to complete the kora, and she'd said that I ought to get some warmer clothes.*

- (i) Where is the author headed to?
- (ii) Which figure of speech has been used in the phrase 'banks of clouds like long French loaves'?
- (iii) Based on above extract classify the following statements as facts (F) or opinions (O).
 1. The author was going to complete his kora.
 2. The author did not have any warm clothes.
 3. I can assume that Lhamo did not understand any word of the author.
 4. Mountains must have been capped with snow.
 5. Moon and sun both were visible in the sky.

- (a) F – 1, 5 & O – 2, 3, 4
- (b) F – 1, 2, 4 & O – 3, 5
- (c) F – 1, 4, 5 & O – 2, 3
- (d) F – 4, 5 & O – 1, 2, 3

C. As he gazed at the still form a shiver of horror passed over Andrew. After all that he had promised! His face, heated with his own exertions, chilled suddenly. He hesitated, torn between his desire to attempt to resuscitate the child, and his obligation towards the mother, who was herself in a desperate state. The dilemma was so urgent he did not solve it consciously. Blindly, instinctively, he gave the child to the nurse and turned his attention to Susan Morgan who now lay collapsed, almost pulse less, and not yet out of the ether, upon her side.

(i) What does the word 'resuscitate' mean?

- (a) to revive (b) to bathe (c) to clean (d) to stamp**

(ii) Which ugly middle position was Dr Andrew caught in?

- (a) whether to save the child or not
(b) whether to save the mother or not
(c) whether to pay attention to the child or the mother
(d) whether to pay attention to the family or the mother**

(iii) What had Dr Andrew promised to the Morgans?

(iv) Why Susan Morgan needed Dr Andrew's attention?

Q11. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 30-40 words. (3x2=6)

- (a) "The grandmother has been portrayed as a very religious lady." What details in the story create this impression?
(b) The poet's mother would laugh looking at the photograph. Why?
(c) What was the strange reality that Professor Gaitonde saw as he stepped out of the station?**

Q12. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 30-40 words. (3x1=3)

- (a) What circumstances led to the execution of the king in 'The Tale of Melon City'?
(b) What was the truth about Mr George Pearson that hurt him the most?**

Q13. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words. (6x1=6)

- (a) 'Wavewalker' touched the shores of Ile Amsterdam on January 6, 1977 after an ordeal at sea which the crew members will never forget. Suppose you are Larry Vigil, one of the crewmen. You meet the other crewmen Herb Seigler after a year and start talking about that ordeal. Write the conversation that occurred between you two.
(b) The poem 'Childhood' exposes man and presents him in his true colours. All adjectives displaying negative qualities are not enough for such a man. This poem very innocently goads him to his real self. Explain.**

Q14. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words. (6x1=6)

- (a) What prompted the boys to return the horse – family values or fear of being caught and punished? Give reasons in support of your answer.
(b) What negative traits of her character are reflected when Mrs Dorling refused to recognise Mrs S's daughter and showed no sign of remembering Mrs S?**