

[Section A]

\* Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer.

"I have nothing else to do", he mutters, looking away. "Go to school", I say glibly, realising how hollow the advice must sound.

"There is no school in my neighbourhood. When they build one, I will go."

"If I'll start a school, will you come?" I ask, half joking. "Yes", he says, smiling broadly. A few days later I see him running up to me. "Is your school ready?" "It takes longer to build a school", I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

1.) Sahab's muttering and looking away suggests his

Ans.) (c) embarrassment

2.) Of the four meanings and 'looking away' suggests

2.) of the four meanings of 'glibly', select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract.

Ans.) (D) speaking with fluency

3.) Who do you think Saheb is referring to as 'they' in the given sentence, "When they build one, I will go".

Ans.) (c) The inhabitants.

4.) Who do you think had made a promise?

Ans.) (A) Author

5.) Give the synonym of "Emaciated".

Ans.) (c) weak

\* Fill in the blanks with appropriate options given in the brackets. Write the answers only. (Ques. 6 to 15)

[apron, watched, the, bow, wondered, delicate, blacked, steamy, heavy, vest]

Mr Sophie \_\_\_\_\_ her back stooped over the sink and \_\_\_\_\_ at the incongruity of the \_\_\_\_\_ bow which fastened her \_\_\_\_\_ strings. The delicate seeming \_\_\_\_\_ and the crooked back. The evening had already \_\_\_\_\_ in the windows and \_\_\_\_\_ small room was \_\_\_\_\_ from the stove and cluttered with the \_\_\_\_\_ breathing man in his \_\_\_\_\_ at the table.

- Ans) 6) watched      7) wondered. 8) delicate  
 9) apron      10) bow      11) blacked  
 12) the      13) Steamy      14) heavy -  
 15) vest

\* Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each. (Any three)

16) What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to? What are indicators of her family's financial status?

Ans) Sophie belongs to a lower middle-class family. She is an escapist and has wild dreams of things she can't have in real life. Jansie tells her that boutique needs a lot of money. Sophie knows that the family doesn't have money. She says, "If ever I came into money, I'll buy a boutique." Even little Derek understands her unrealistic nature. Geoff's occupation reflects their socio-economic background. He is an apprentice mechanic. He travels to his work each other day to the far side of the city. His jacket is shapeless. Her father lacks sophistication. He is a heavy breathing man. He sits in his vest at the table. He grunts and tosses one of little Derek's shoes from his chair on to the sofa. There is stove in the same room where dirty washing is piled in a corner. Sophie's father goes to the pub on his bicycle. All these indicators confirm their lower middle-class family backg

background.

17) What is the reason for the huge success of the novel, 'The Name of the Rose'?

Ans.) 'The Name of the Rose' is different sort of novel. It is quite serious novel. It is a detective story at one level. But it also probes into metaphysics, theology, and medieval history. The reasons for the success of the book, however, remain a mystery.

18) How did the author discover who the English visitor to the studios was?

Ans.) Before investing money in participating in a short story contest organised by a British periodical The Encounter, the author did a research on the magazine. He went to the British Council library where, while going through an issue of that periodical, he discovered that its editor was Stephen Spender, the poet that had once visited the Gemini studios.

19) Why was Kothamangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios?

Ans.) Kothamangalam Subbu succeeded in securing the place closest to the Boss by means of flattery. He was not brilliant but a rather cheerful person and exceedingly loyal to the The Boss. He offered solutions whenever The Boss was in a fix. Thus,

the other employees considered him No. 2 in Gemini studios.

20) What was the attitude of the average Indian in smaller localities towards advocates of 'home rule'?

Ans.) The average Indians in smaller localities were afraid to show sympathy for the advocates of home-rule. Gandhi stayed at Muzaffarpur for two days at the home of professor Malkami, a teacher in a government school. It was an extraordinary thing in those days for a government professor to give shelter to one who opposed the government.

### [Section B]

\* Read the following verse and answer the questions.

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;  
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Questions:

21) Name the poem and the poet of these lines.

Ans.) Aunt Jennifer's Tiger and was written by Adrienne Rich.

22.) what do you mean by <sup>denizens (they live)</sup> denizens here?

Ans.) The tigers are the denizens of the forest. They live far away from human settlements.

23.) Name the figure of speech in the second line.

Ans.) The figure of speech in the second line is Hyperbole.

24.) Why is the poet depicting the tigers as fearless?

Ans.)

Tigers are symbol of strength, courage, further more here they symbolise bravery and freedom reflecting Aunt Jennifer's innermost desire to be fearless and break free from her husband's oppression.

\* Choose the correct figures of speech from the options given below:

25.) of all the thousand selfish cars that pass.

Ans.) (D) Oxymoron

26.) The massive weight of the uncle's wedding band.

Ans.) (B) Pun

27.) While greedy good does, and beneficent beasts of prey.

Ans.) (B) Antithesis

28.) An endless fountain of immortal drink.

Ans.) (B) Metaphor

\* How Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (Any four)

29.) How do 'denizens' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?

Ans.) Like all beasts of prey, the tigers are the denizens of the forest. They live far away from human settlements. They are called 'chivalric'. This indicates the majestic and honourable position that they occupy in the world of animals. So, the use of the words 'denizens' and 'chivalric' adds to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes.

30.) What was the plea of the folks who had put up the roadside stand?

Ans.) The rural folks pleaded pathetically for some customers to stop by and buy some of their goods. City folks used to pass by on this road and hence the rural folk set up the roadside stand to attract their attention and sell their goods.

31.) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?

Ans.) The 'grandeur' of the 'mighty dead' lies in their noble deeds. They have left behind the beautiful legacy of their brave acts. Their selfless sacrifice for their nation and deeds for the welfare of mankind still.

Continue to inspire us.

32) What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?

Ans.) The poet wants to prove that there can be life under apparent stillness. The poet invokes the earth never attains total inactivity. Nature remains as a living symbol to prove his point. The earth never attains total inactivity. Nature remains at work all the time even under apparent stillness. It keeps earth alive. This idea is beautifully illustrated by the following lines: "as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive".

33) What is it that draws Derry toward's Mr Lamb in spite of himself?

Ans.) Both Derry and Mr Lamb suffer from physical impairment. Derry has one side of his face disfigured and burnt by acid. The old man has a tin leg because his real leg got blown off during the war. Apart from these physical disabilities, Derry finds signs of loneliness and disappointment in Mr Lamb's life. The old man tries to overcome these feelings but the sense of alienation felt by him is more painful than the pain caused by physical disability.

Derry tries to avoid meeting people because they considered his face frightful and ugly. They avoid him as they are afraid of him. His parents seem worried about him and talk a lot about his future.

Mr Lamb provides him a new approach to things. He tells him to see, hear, feel and think about things around him. He should not hate other. Hatred is worse than acid because it burns the inside. He has all the 'God-given' limbs. He must take a firm decision and work towards it. He will succeed. He should not be afraid of people and they will not be afraid of him. All these factors draw Derry towards Mr Lamb.

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\* Read the passage and answer the questions:

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that, it also raises intelligent questions! Incredible! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts.

\* Questions:

35) Why was the astrologer surprised?

Ans.)

Astrologer was surprised because a ten day old baby was raising intelligent questions which was unbelievable to him.

36) which word is the synonym of 'incredible' unbelievable, in the passage?

Ans.)

Incredulous - wonder

Unbelievable - Incredible

\* Read the passage and answer the questions

Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream over time with the West Antarctica ice sheet melt entirely? Will the ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate - not just because it's the only place in the world which has ~~never~~ never sustained a human population and therefore remains relatively 'pristine' in this respect; but more importantly because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice.

Questions:

37) what is the peculiarity of Antarctica?

Ans.)

Antarctica's peculiarity is that human life has never sustained over there and it holds about half million year old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice.

38.) What are the apprehensions among the environmentalists regarding climate change?

Ans.) Apprehensions according to environmentalist regarding climate changes are  
 Whether West Antarctic ice sheet will melt completely or not?  
 Gulf stream current will be disrupted or not?  
 will it be end of the world?

39.) What is meant by 'pristine'?

Ans.) Pristine means something found in its original condition and is unspoilt.

Section c

\* Rectify the errors. (40 to 43)

	Error	Correction
Since its intention a little over	yrs	years
130 <u>yrs</u> ago, the interviewee	interviewee	interview
<u>had</u> become a common place	had	has
of <u>journalists</u> .	Journalists	Journalism

\* Punctuate the given sentences. (44 to 47)

Will we be around to see it or would we have gone the way of the dinosaurs, mammonths and woolly rhinos who's to say

Ans) Will we be around to see it, or would we have gone the way of the dinosaurs, mammonths and woolly rhinos? Who's to say?

\* Rewrite the sentence using the correct meaning of the given phrases / idioms.

48.) I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.

Ans) (c) selfish motive

49.) The inspector was caught red handed.

Ans) (c) caught in the act of committing the crime

50.) Suganya stood by her husband in weal and woe.

Ans) by hook or crook.

51.) We talked over the matter for an hour but without any result.

Ans) (c) surveyed.

< 52 > Convert the following into indirect speech.

"Not a very neat job," conceded Jackson.

"They're not - they don't honestly think I'm goin' to try to -"

"They're taking no chances, Evans. Nobody in his senses would take any chance with you."

"Who's goin' to listen in?"

omitted course.

\* Do as Directed:

(53) How gorgeous is the sunset! (Choose correct assertive)

Ans) (C) The sunset is very gorgeous.

(54) She said that she was coming. (Choose correct simple sent.)

Ans) (B) She is coming.

(55) My ambition is to serve the country. (Complex)

Ans) (A) My ambition is that I should serve the country.

(56) Many people want to travel the world. (Negative)

Ans) Many people don't want to travel the world.

(57) That chocolate is not as sweet as this one. (Comparative)

Ans) (B) This chocolate is not sweeter than that chocolate.

(58) A great deal of research has been done on the science project. (Interrogative)

Ans) Has the science project undergone research?

[Section D]

\* Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Women Education

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key for 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 employment empowerment of women are closely related).

Questions :

(59) Why do you think the role of women in a society very important?

Ans) ... Because women's education is the key to a better life in the future.

(60) What does the recent study of World Bank say?

Ans) A recent world Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics & if developing nations are to eradicate poverty they must educate the girls.

(61) What is closely related with empowerment of women?

Ans) marked in passage

(62) How can a society progress?

Ans) marked in passage

(63) Give a suitable title to the passage.

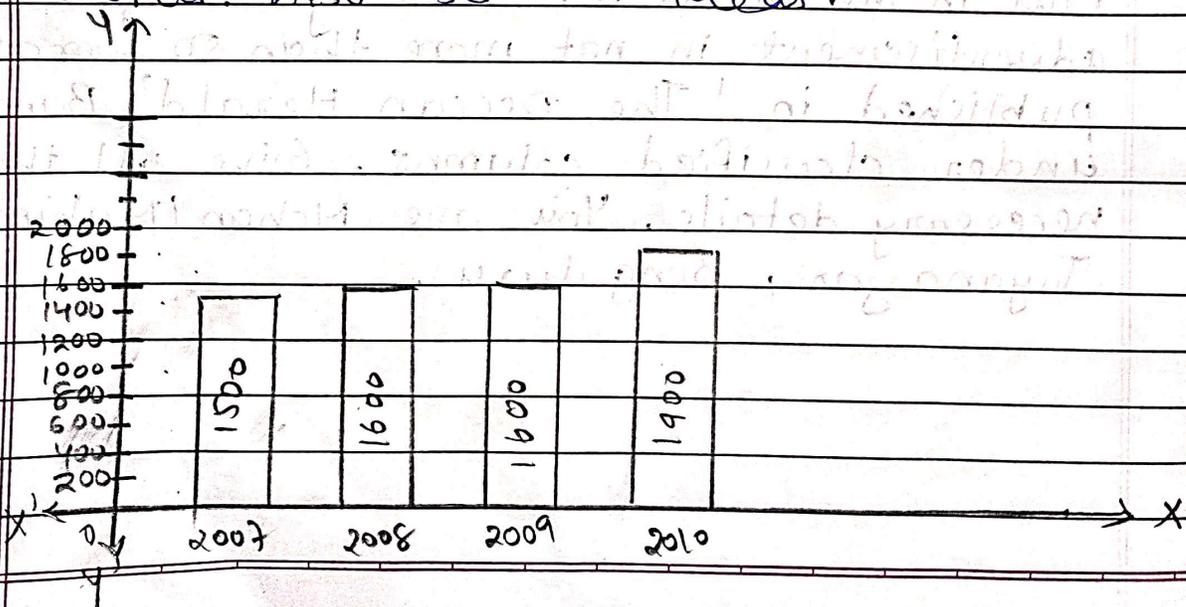
Ans) Women Education.

(64) You want to rent out your newly constructed flat in the heart of the city. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in 'The Deccan Herald' Bangalore under classified columns. Give all the necessary details. You are Mohan/Mahima of Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

## FOR RENT

Available for rent a fully furnished, three bedroom flat located in the heart of the city, Doodarika. A drawing hall and balconies on both sides. 24-hour water and electricity. Parking facility also available. Nearest Railway station just 1 Km away. For further details contact Mr. Mohan, 1-4-C Jayanagar Bangalore, contact number 0XX-XXXXXXXX

(65) As an aware citizen of the country, you are concerned about the increase in road accidents in the metropolitan city Delhi. Interpret data given below in about 80 words. Also use own ideas.



(66) You are Nitin/Neha living at C-25, Ramesh New Delhi. In the main market of your block during rush hours a few women have experienced of losing their gold chains and ear rings snatched by young boys riding on bike. You are very much worried about such incidents. Write an e-mail to the Editor of a local newspaper to draw attention of the concerned higher authority about it.

OR

(66) Write an Email to your uncle in Canada requesting him to collect information for the masters programme that you intend to pursue.

## Email

From : Neha @ gmail . com  
To : Delhi News @ Yahoo . com  
Subject : Snatching of gold chain and earrings  
C.C. : -  
Date : 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

~~Dear~~ Sir

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious issue that has been plaguing our community. Recently, several women living in Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi have reported having their gold chains and earrings snatched by a young boy on a bike during rush hours in the main market of our block.

As a resident of C-25 Ramesh Nagar, I am deeply concerned about these incidents and the safety of our community. It is unacceptable that women should have to live in fear of being attacked while going about their daily lives.

I urge the concerned higher authorities to take immediate action to address this problem and ensure the safety of our community. I believe that with increased police presence and community vigilance, we can put a stop to these criminal activities and make Ramesh Nagar a safer place for all of us.

I hope that by bringing this issue to your attention, we can bring about positive change in our community.

Sincerely,

Neha :

[Section E]

(67) You are Faizaan/Rihanawho feels, that the increasing number of vehicles in Delhi is putting our city at the risk of completely losing clean air to breathe. They write an article for 'The Hindu', highlighting the urgent need to solve the problem, by giving suitable suggestions. They motivate the public to become responsible citizens and ~~to~~ make a smart. Write an article in 125 - 150 words.

OR

(67) You are Ramesh/Rani, sports secretary, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh. Last Monday an inter-school twenty-over cricket match was played on your school ground. Write a report in 100-125 words on the match.

### THRILLING 20-20 CRICKET MATCH

By Rani

Chandigarh, July 3, 2023, a One Day match between Dav International and Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh. Any match between the arch-rivals has always been a major event in the town.

The match was held at Dav International School. Students of both the school has assembled an hour before the match began. Our captain Mukesh won the toss and captain Mukesh was elected to bat. Our opening was disastrous. We lost three wickets and the scoreboard showed only twenty runs. A Century partnership between Mukesh and Ganesh helped us to end with a respectable score with 230 runs.

Dav International opened its batting inning with a bang. Their openers made 110 runs before they lost their first wicket. After that came the sudden collapse of wickets

Our spinners clicked. On a turning wicket  
 Our spinners clicked. On their batsman  
 Couldn't handle the onslaught of the  
 Spin attack. The whole team was  
 sent to the pavilion on a modest  
 total of 190 runs. Our school team won  
 by a convincing victory of forty runs.

(68) You are Prem/Priya of 16, T.T. Nagar,  
 Bhopal. You would like to apply for the  
 post of Marketing Manager in a reputed  
 firm in Mumbai. Write a letter to the  
 Public Relations officer, Chantac Enterprise  
 Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the  
 letter in 125-150 words giving your  
 biodata.

## Job Application

16, TT Nagar,  
Bhopal

6 November, 2023

Public Relations Officer  
Chantac Enterprises,  
Mumbai

Sir

Subject : For the post of Marketing Manager

With reference to the advertisement in 'The Time of India' dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, I hereby apply for the same. My personal bio-data is as follows:

**BIO-DATA**

Name : Parul

D.O.B : 27, March, 1994

Age : 29

Nationality : Indian

Qualification : Management and Technology  
BBA from GILS University

Father Name : Raman Singh

Address : 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal

Phone : 9173533287

Marital status : Married

Educational : MBA

Experience : 3 years working with experience with

(69) write an essay on any one of the following topics

### A Day Without Mobile ...

We have become a society that is totally dependent on communication devices to make our world go round. We have technology today that allows us to keep in almost constant contact with one another. We communicate through cell phones. The phone, TV, personal computer and Internet have found revolutionary ways to connect people, entertain them and empower them. But nothing has matched the seismic cultural shift created by the cell phone, with its ability to connect and deliver content virtually anywhere, anytime. Although most of us have grown familiar with cell phones during the past 10 years, we often don't realize how much our world has been transformed by the little device in our pockets and purses.

The cell phone, has completely changed the way our world lives and is no longer a novelty. Rather, it is a necessity for today's fast-paced lifestyles.

And so, about a week ago I wondered to myself, "What would one day be like without my cell phone?" Therefore, I decided to challenge myself to not use my cell phone at all one Sunday.

The morning of that Sunday started off pretty rough considering I had to wake up to a traditional alarm clock blaring into my ears instead of melodious alarms. After I got out of bed and saw none of my ~~class~~ instead of melodious roommates were home, I wondered where they were and naturally reached for my cellphone to text them. "Oh, no!" I thought to myself this is when I began to get frustrated.

I thought it would be a good idea to go for a run outside, since I use my phone for music, I had to run without listening to songs. I felt like I had no motivation to pace myself to. Consequently, I cut my run short. The rest of the afternoon consisted mainly of homework. While I was doing my homework I kept on thinking what were the things I was missing on Facebook & Instagram or important things my friends could send in text. I suddenly realized I had to go for watching a film. Before leaving home, I had to write down my mom's phone number on a piece of paper so I could call her from PCO when I was ready to be picked up.

I called her from the PCO to let her know that I was ready to be picked up in front of Theatre and she replied, "Okay, I'll be there in five min!" Ten more ~~more~~ minutes passed,

"Where is she," I wondered to myself. This would be a typical situation where I would have my cell phone at hand to call her. Fifteen minutes later she showed up and took me home. The rest of the night I found it difficult not to call or text my friends. I finished the night off watching some T.V. and finishing last minute homework.

I enjoyed this experiment of enabling me to use resources other than my cell phone and to live simpler for a day.

But most importantly, it opened my eyes to see how dependent our society truly is on cell phones.

(2) Need for physical activities among the teenager.

(69) Discipline teaches you to be responsible. As a Head Boy/Girl of your school, give a speech on the occasion of Children's Day Celebration.

Good morning, everyone.

I am honoured ladies and gentlemen, esteemed teachers and my dear fellow students.

Today, as we gather here to celebrate Children's Day, it is an absolute pleasure to address you. This day holds a special place in our hearts, as it is a day dedicated entirely to us, the future of our nation. It is a day when we come together to celebrate the spirit of childhood, innocence, and the boundless potential that resides within each one of us.

As students, we learn several values that help us in our lives and the future ahead. One such value very intrinsic and important to student life is discipline. Many of you might not know the meaning of discipline but must be following it in your daily life.