

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

Q1	<u>Section A- Reading (20 MARKS)</u> Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: (10 MARKS) 1. The invention of the safety bicycle in the late nineteenth century transformed the world of cycling. While early versions of bicycles had been used in Europe since the seventeenth century, it was the safety bicycle with its lightweight hollow steel frame and equal-sized wheels that revolutionized the cycling experience. 2. This resulted in enhanced mobility for both men and women, allowing them to explore the countryside freely and travel between towns. Bicycles symbolized freedom, particularly for women, granting them self-reliable transportation and the ability to participate in recreational activities, like bicycle racing. The rise of bicycles also brought a shift in fashion, with more functional and relaxed clothing tailored specifically for cycling. 3. Bicyclists also became a political force. They played a significant role in the development of road maps, guiding riders along the best routes. They campaigned for better infrastructure to enhance their riding experiences. 4. Today, advances in technology, wearables* and complex data analysis have transformed sports science, particularly in endurance sports, like cycling. Cyclists can now gather vast amounts of data simply by using mobile apps to track their activities. This data not only encompasses exercise details, like its volume or intensity, but also external factors like the impact of weather on the physiological response of the athlete. Furthermore, technology has made it very easy to monitor performance- influencing data outside of training, such as heart rate or sleep quality, through various wearables and cost-effective mobile apps. 5. However, just because we are able to monitor so much information does not mean that it is useful for improving the sports performance of our athletes. In this sense, we believe that we must be critical while adopting any new technologies or trends in training. The first thing we should know is whether there is scientific support for the use of that new gadget or wearable. For example, core temperature is of great importance in the mechanisms that produce fatigue and exhaustion in endurance sports. A few years ago, a device came on the market that estimated this measurement in a non-invasive way and we saw many top cyclists and runners wearing it. However, a study later showed it is an invalid device for measuring one's temperature. 6. Innovation in cycling has evolved from the invention of safety bicycles to technological advancements in sports science. Maximizing the potential benefits of	
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	these developments requires critical thinking to enhance the training and performance of modern cyclists. *wearables – technological devices worn on the body for data collection Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. i. What is the passage mainly about? A. The impact of the advancement of sports science on the fashion industry. B. The primary societal changes brought about by the rise of bicycles. C. The contribution of the invention of the safety bicycle to the development of wearable technology. D. The difference between the early versions of bicycles and the safety bicycle in the late nineteenth century. ii. In which sentence does the author express uncertainty about the use of new technologies in training? A. “Analysis have transformed sports science.” (paragraph 4) B. “This data not only encompasses exercise details, like its volume or intensity, but also external factors like the impact of weather” (paragraph 4) C. “Just because we are able to monitor so much information does not mean that it is useful” (paragraph 5) D. “Maximizing the potential benefits of these developments requires critical thinking.” (paragraph 6) iii. Complete the sentence appropriately by providing two distinct reasons in the blank below. It can be said that the world of cycling has seen massive changes because _____. iv. Which of these is opposite to ‘invalid’ as used in paragraph 5? A. ethical B. accurate C. authentic D. trustworthy v. Using information solely from the passage, provide two distinct reasons to complete the sentence appropriately. Bicycles can be seen as a symbol of empowerment because _____. vi. Imagine you are a sports scientist tasked with developing a new technological tool to aid cyclists in their training. Provide a brief description, within 40 words, of its specific features and why you chose to include them. vii. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between (1) and (2). 1. Cyclists were able to improve the accuracy of maps. 2. Cyclists became influential and campaigned for better infrastructure.	1 1 1 1 2 2 1
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	A. (2) is a contradiction of (1) B. (2) is independent of (1) C. (2) is an example of (1) D. (2) is the cause of (1) viii. Below are the statements from cyclists. Identify two statements that could be said by cyclists in the late nineteenth century. 1. "I like having a personal coach on my wrist. It just told me how many calories I have burned so far!" 2. "It's quite a struggle riding up these steep hills on my heavy steel-framed bicycle." 3. "I feel so liberated whenever I hop on my bicycle. I didn't have freedom like this before!" 4. "Ugh, there is so much traffic ahead. And I feel so pressured to meet my performance targets every time I hop on a bike."	1
Q2	Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: (10 MARKS) 1. Mango (<i>Mangifera indica</i>) is Asia's most popular fruit and it has gained popularity around the world. It has long been a component of culture and religion as a useful and tasty fruit. In addition to taste, it has many good qualities thus making it to be called 'King of Fruits'. Major mango-growing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are the leading states in mango production. 2. Mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares of area in the world. India is the largest producer of mangoes with 46.02% and 45.88% of the total world area and production, respectively. However, India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production indicating the huge gap in exporting of mangoes. Peru exports about 46%, Thailand 24%, Mexico 18% and Brazil 11% of their total mango production. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian exports. Hence, efforts are needed to evolve cheap transportation mechanism, increase the trade agreements with major importing countries and enhance the productivity. 3. The top importing country United States of America, however, India exports only two per cent of its total exports to the USA. The USA, European countries, the UK, Malaysia and Russia can be the other hotspots where India can target to export the mangoes. The critical issue for exporting to the USA is transportation cost (due to sea route distance) and limited shelf life of mango, while for Europe transportation costs as well as competition by African countries are the major hurdles. The following chart shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20 : Table : Major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20	

S.NO.	COUNTRY	PERCENTAGE
1	USA	2
2	Kuwait	2
3	Saudi Arabia	3
4	Qatar	6
5	Bangladesh	6
6	Oman	7
7	UK	9
8	Nepal	24
9	United Arab Emirates	33
10	Bahrain	2
11	Others	6

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (10X1=10)

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph (1)
We can say that for becoming the king of jungle, lion has to be the strongest, bravest and the fiercest. Similarly, mango is known as the king of fruits because _____.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph (2) :
The statement that India is the largest producer of mangoes with 45.88% of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective details)

iii. Justify the following in about 40 words:
India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production.

iv. Based on the table, which three countries were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20?

v. The top mango importing country is the USA, however, India exports only two per cent of its total exports to the USA. State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

vi. In the given sentence taken from paragraph (2), select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word with its most likely antonym.

These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports.

A. enigmas B. solutions C. provocations D. disputes

vii. Why is India described as the largest producer of mangoes in the world? (Answer in about 40 words)

viii. Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the

	passage? A. India needs to produce more mangoes so that more can be exported. B. The UAE imported most mangoes from India in 2019-20. C. India is the largest producer of mangoes and by putting in more efforts, has the potential to be the largest exporter too. D. More study is needed to find ways to increase the export of mangoes from India. ix. Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. Assertion : India is the largest producer of mangoes in the world. Reason : India exports a significant portion of its mango production to countries like the USA and Europe. A. Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion. B. Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion. C. The assertion is true, but the reason is false. D. The assertion is false, but the reason is true.	1
Q3	<u>Section B- Grammar & Writing (20 MARKS)</u> <u>GRAMMAR</u> Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 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. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the given sentence. Every morning, the rich man would steal _____ glances at the widow when she came out to do her chores in the garden. A. few B. a few C. a little iii. Report the dialogue between Rahul and Sekhar, by completing the sentence: Rahul: Do you know that Ranjit met with an accident and is in the hospital? Sekhar: Oh! I didn't know. Is he badly hurt? Rahul asked Sekhar _____ that Ranjit had met with an accident and was in the hospital. Sekhar expressed his ignorance and enquired if he was badly hurt. iv. Identify the error and supply the correction for the given online advertisement	(1x10=10)

v. Complete the given narrative by filling the blank with correct option.

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

- a. were driving b. have driven c. had been driving d. had driven

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

Tony asked his mother if she _____ it from the mall earlier.

- a. bring b. has brought c. brings d. had brought

vii. Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence.

The Parent-Teacher Conference must go on for two hours starting from 10:00 am in the morning.

Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

viii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.

If I had been in your place, I wouldn't have tolerated the nuisance that he made.

OPTION	ERROR	CORRECTION
a.	had been	were
b.	wouldn't have	shouldn't have
c.	that	it
d.	made	was making

ix. Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence.

No news these days are good news.

Use the given format for your response.

ERROR	CORRECTION

x. Complete the narration of the dialogue between Gautami and Simran.

Gautami : Wow! Your new dress is very beautiful.

Simran : Thank you. My mother gifted it to me on my last birthday.

Gautami exclaimed cheerfully and told Simran _____.

	xi. Jaya shared some information with Shilpa about a textbook. Report Shilpa's question. Shilpa: Can I borrow your English textbook? Jaya: Sure you can. But when will you return it? xii. Complete the line from a poem by filling the blank with the correct option. If you _____ a pine on the top of the hill, Be a scrub in the valley- but be The best little scrub by the side of the rill; Be a bush if you can't be a tree. a. cannot be b. will not be c. should not be d. be	
Q4	A. Write a descriptive paragraph on Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on the basis of hints/clues given below. Birth : 31st October, 1875, Nadiad, Gujarat – brought up in a countryside- influential leader- united 565 princely states – ordered to reconstruct Somnath temple – health decline in 1950 – died on December 15, 1950 – awarded Bharat Ratna in 1991 Or, B. You were on a school trip and were on your way back to the hotel late one night when your school bus, full of children, broke down in a lonely area. Write a descriptive paragraph on the above given situation.	(1X5=5)
Q.5	A. You are Ashish/Aditi living in Delhi. You recently participated in the 'All India CBSE National Quiz Competition' and reached the finals. The final round was telecast over the national channel where you and your team won the quiz. Describe your feelings in 100-120 words through a diary entry. Or, B. Develop a story in about 100-150 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. I awoke one morning and found myself famous...	(1X5=5)
Q6.	Section C- Literature (40 Marks) A. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the following questions. Intruder : My speciality's jewel robbery. Your car will so me a treat. It's certainly a dandy bus. Gerrard : I'm afraid jewels are few and far between in the wilds of Essex. Intruder : So are the cops. I can retire here nicely for a little while. Gerrard: You mean to live with me? A trifle sudden isn't it; you've not been invited. Intruder : You won't be here long; so I didn't trouble to ask. Gerrard : What do you mean? Intruder : This is your big surprise. I am going to kill you. Gerrard : A little harsh, isn't it? Intruder : (with heavy sarcasm) Yeah, I'll be sorry to do it. I've taken a fancy to you, but it's just got to be done. Gerrard : Why add murder to your other crimes? It's a grave step you're taking. Intruder : I'm not taking it for fun. I've been hunted long enough. I'm wanted for	(5 MARKS)

	murder already, and they can't hang me twice. (If I Were You) i. Why does the intruder think that he can live at Gerrard's house for sometime? 2 ii. What is a big surprise for Gerrard, according to the intruder? 1 a. He is going to steal. b. He is going to destroy everything. b. He is going to kill him. d. He is going to live with him. iii. Why does Gerrard call the intruder's step 'grave'? 1 iv. Find a word from the conversation which means 'serious'. 1 OR B. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the following questions. The two strangers were amazed by what they saw around them and wandered around town till evening, when suddenly the whole town woke up and went about its nightly business. (In the Kingdom of Fools) i. Who are the two strangers in the given extract? 1 ii. Why were they amazed? 1 iii. What was the nightly business? 2 iv. Complete the analogy by selecting a suitable word from the text. 1 v. Friends : Foes :: Acquaintances : _____	
Q7.	A. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: And both that morning equally lay In leaves, no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. i. How did both the roads lie? ii. Why did the poet leave the first road? a. it was not clear b. it was not good for him c. with the hope that he would travel on kit on another day d. it'll be risky for him iii. Why did the poet suffer from a doubt? a. if it'll be useful or not b. if he would ever come back to the same road c. if anyone will come there d. if any damage is caused iv. What does 'both' refer to? a. two roads that lay in front of the poet b. two streets c. two miles d. two people v. Road symbolizes _____. (fill up the gap) OR, B. Read the following extract and answer the following questions:	(1x5=5)

	It is the human earth that we defile, Our hells of fire and dust Outrage the innocence Of air that is everywhere our own. Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries are strange. i. What is 'human earth'? ii. How do we defile human earth? a. by using arms and ammunition c. by having brotherhood b. by having friendship d. by loving others iii. Whom do we harm by having war? a. We harm all c. We harm ourselves b. We harm others d. We harm none. iv. 'Hells of fire and dust' stands for a. Destruction caused by the arms c. Liking and loving all b. Disliking d. Having strength v. The poet wants to convey in these lines by telling us that wars cause _____. (fill up the gap)	
Q8	<u>Beehive</u> (Attempt any 4 questions) i. How does the poet's beloved become an inseparable part of nature?(A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal) ii. What does Vikram Seth mean when he says, "At Pashupatinath there is an atmosphere of febrile confusion? (Kathmandu) iii. What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office and why? (A Truly Beautiful Mind) iv. How did Kezia's grandmother support her?(The Little Girl) v. What factors have contributed to the growth of the tree to its present size? (On Killing a Tree)	(4x3=12)
Q9	<u>Moments</u> (Attempt any 2 questions) i. Why has Iswaran been called an asset? Who was he an asset to?(Iswaran the Storyteller) ii. Why had Behrman felt the need to paint the leaf on the creeper?(The Last Leaf) iii. During their conversation, Lushkoff reveals that Sergie's cook is responsible for the positive change in him. How did Olga save Lushkoff?(The Beggar)	(2x3=6)
Q10	(Attempt any 1 question) <u>Beehive</u>	(1x6=6)

	i. Imagine you are Santosh Yadav or Maria Sharapova. You have been invited to speak at an All India Girl's Athletic Meet, as chief guest. Prepare a short speech to motivate young girls to think and dream big and make an effort to fulfill their dreams, not allowing difficulties or defeat to discourage them. (Reach for the Top) ii. Suppose you are APJ Abdul Kalam. Your teacher made you sit away from your friend Ramanandha Sastry. You felt quite awkward. Write a diary entry on behalf of APJ Abdul Kalam expressing the emotions on the unpleasant event. (My Childhood)	
Q.11	(Attempt any 1 question) <u>Moments</u> i. The little swallow was as noble as the Happy Prince. Describe how the swallow played an important role in helping the Happy Prince to carry out his noble deeds. (The Happy Prince) ii. Suppose you are the woman who rescued Zan's cat from 'A House Is Not A Home'. Write a diary entry in about 150 words describing how you found the cat, what efforts you had to make to trace its home, and how happy you felt after handing over the cat to its rightful owner.	(1x6=6)