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- All questions are compulsory.
- Write questions for grammar and vocabulary questions.
- Write new question on new page.

SECTION 1: PROSE**(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary and Mind Mapping)****Q.1(A) Read the following extract and do the activities that follows:****(12)[16]**

Having searched my pockets in vain for stray coppers, and having found I was utterly penniless, I told the conductor with as honest a face as I could assume that I couldn't pay the fare, and must go back for money. "Oh you needn't get off: that's all right," said he. "All right," said I, "but I haven't a copper on me." "Oh, I'll book you through," he replied. "Where d'ye want to go?" and he handled his bundle of tickets with the air of a man who was prepared to give me a ticket for anywhere from the Bank to Hong Kong. I said it was very kind of him, and told him where I wanted to go, and as he gave me the ticket I said, "But where shall I send the fare?" "Oh you'll see me some day all right," he said cheerfully, he turned to go.

A few days after, my most sensitive toe was trampled on rather heavily as I sat reading on the top of a bus. I looked up with some anger and more agony, and saw my friend of the cheerful countenance. "Sorry, sir," he said. "I know these are heavy boots. Got 'em because my own feet gel trod on so much, and now I'm treading on other people's. Hope I didn't hurt you, sir." He had hurt me but he was so nice about it that I assured him he hadn't. After this I began to observe him whenever I boarded his bus, and found a curious pleasure in the constant good-nature of his bearing. He seemed to have an inexhaustible fund of patience and a gift for making his passengers comfortable. I noticed that if it was raining he would run up the stairs to give someone the tip that there was "room inside". With old people he was as considerate as a son, and with children as solicitous as a father. He had evidently a peculiarly warm place in his heart for young people, and always indulged in some merry jest with them. If he had a blind man on board it was not enough to set him down safely on the pavement. He would call to Bill in front to wait while he took him across the road or round the corner, or otherwise safely on his way.

- A1. Read the following statements and arrange them in the proper order of sequence. (2)**
- Writer's crushed his toe while reading on the bus.
 - The bus conductor handed over the tickets to the writer.
 - Writer found that he had no money in his pocket.
 - The writer asked the conductor as where he should send the bus fare.
- A2. State any two examples from the passage that shows how the conductor made passengers feel comfortable. (2)**
- A3. 'The bus conductor was a man of manners'. Find two proofs from the passage which proves the same. (2)**
- A4. Name and explain any two etiquettes you know that are important for a person to live in the society. (2)**

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A5. Language study:

(2)

- i) You can send me the fare whenever you see me.
(Rewrite the sentence using modal auxiliary expressing 'advice'.)
- a) You must send me the fare whenever you see me.
 - b) You should send me the fare whenever you see me.
 - c) You used to send me the fare whenever you saw me.
 - d) You may send me the fare whenever you see me.
- ii) The bus conductor trampled my most sensitive toe.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'My most sensitive toe....'.)

A6. Find out the synonyms of the following from the extract:

(2)

- (a) Continuous
- (b) price
- (c) Footpath
- (d) concerned

B1. Do as directed:

(4)

- (1) She explained, "I am playing the guitar."
(Choose the correct alternative to get indirect narration of the given sentence.)
- (a) She explained that she has played the guitar.
 - (b) She explained that she has been playing the guitar.
 - (c) She explained that she was playing the guitar.
 - (d) She explained that she was been playing the guitar.
- (2) The dog ran quickly to save himself.
(Choose the correct 'Wh' question from the given options to get the underlined word as an answer.)
- (a) Where did the dog run to save himself?
 - (b) Who ran to save himself?
 - (c) How did the dog run to save himself?
 - (d) What did the dog do to save himself?
- (3) If the teacher does not enter the class on time, the students will become restless and noisy.
(Choose the correct option from the given alternatives showing the correct use of 'unless'.)
- (a) Unless the teacher does not enters the class on time, the students will become restless and noisy.
 - (b) Unless the teacher enters the class on time, the students will become restless and noisy.
 - (c) Unless the teacher enters the class on time, the students will not become restless and noisy.
 - (d) Unless the teacher enters to the class on time, the students will become restless and noisy.

B2. Spot the error and rewrite the sentence.

(1)

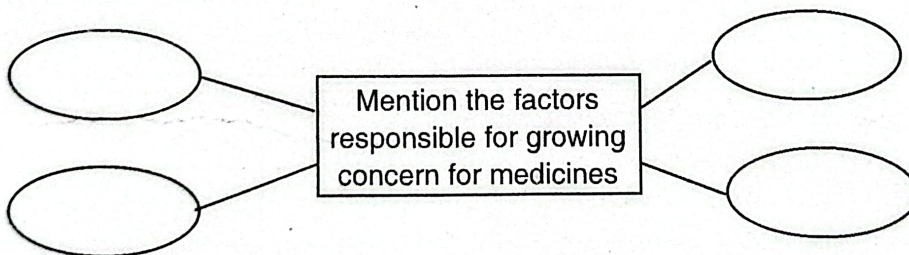
- (i) Radha fell in the river.

Q.2.(A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:**(12)[18]**

Medicines have become an element of surprise and a cause of concern. This is because they have begun to aggravate diseases instead of curing them. No one has a solution. The doctors are perplexed and the patients are annoyed. The outcome of intensive research and in-depth studies has startled everyone. These findings show that unnecessary use of medicines has created a trend in which people not only take medicines for every small ailments, but also advise others to do so. This habit is now in a fashion. Sometimes, it is even considered a status symbol. People think that they should take strong drugs, irrespective of whether the disease is minor or major. Nowadays, a shelf of medicines is found in every house. This practice is not merely confined to general medicines, but has now spread even to antibiotics. In fact, due to their misuse, they have really begun acting against our life. Experts say that unnecessary consumption of antibiotics is increasing the longevity of the microbes on the one hand, while adversely affecting the patient's health on the other. This is because due to the overuse of these medicines the resistance of microorganisms is increasing, while the immunity of the individuals is decreasing.

The medical experts have now begun to accept openly that neither the doctors refrain from prescribing the antibiotics for even simple ailments, nor the patients observe restraint in consuming them. These medicines are used excessively without understanding their side-effects. Recently, the World Health Organization has also issued an advisory to the Southeast Asian countries, including India. It has warned that if the unrestricted use of antibiotics continues, the coming times may witness a substantial rise in the number of deaths occurring due to 'microbial resistance.' Antibiotics either destroy the disease-causing bacteria completely or prohibit their growth. However, their prolonged use gives rise to mutation in the bacteria, which makes them resistant towards these drugs. Consequently, they stop, having any effect on them. This situation is termed by medical experts as 'microbial resistance'. Various researches and studies carried out in this context also lead to the conclusion that medicines are becoming poisonous. The chief cause of this situation is the unrestrained use of antibiotics.

- A1. Complete the following web diagram on factors responsible for growing concern for medicines.**

(2)

- A2. Explain the slogan 'Pills Over Purpose-New Status Symbol.' in the context of the extract in few lines.**
- A3. Provide the supporting details from the extract which highlights that overdose of medicine can turn treatment into a threat.**
- A4. Suggest two home remedies for common illness.**

(2)**(2)****(2)**

A5. Language study**(2)**

- (1) They played a game last night.

(Change the given sentence into 'past perfect tense' from the given options and rewrite it.)

- a) They shall have played a game last night.
- b) They have played a game last night.
- c) They had played a game last night.
- d) They may have played a game last night.

- (2) Hearing the sound of music from a side street, Mona had an idea.

(Choose the correct form of compound sentence from the options given below)

- a) Mona heard the sound of music from a side street and had an idea.
- b) Mona heard the sound of music from a side street then had an idea.
- c) Mona heard the sound of music from a side street which gave her an idea.
- d) Mona heard the sound of music from a side street so that she gets an idea.

A6. Vocabulary:**(2)**

Match the following words given in column 'A' with their meanings given in column 'B' and rewrite it-

(2)

'A'	'B'
1) Perplexed	a) Alert
2) Refrain	b) Ruin
3) Destroy	c) Avoid
4) Warn	d) Confused

(B) Summary Writing**(3)**

Write a summary of the above extract with a suitable title with the help of the given points:

Medicine- a cause to worry Overuse of antibiotics Effects

(C) Mind mapping**(3)**

Develop a mind map on the topic benefits of 'Big data in health care industry' expressing and presenting your own ideas, flow, design and structure.

SECTION -II**(Poetry and Appreciation)****(14)****Q.3 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:****(10)**

Weavers, weaving at break of day.
 Why do you weave a garment so gay?...
 Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild.
 We weave the robes of a new-born child.
 Weavers, weaving at fall of night.
 Why do you weave a garment so bright?...
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green.
 We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.
 Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
 What do you weave in the moonlight chill...
 White as a feather and white as a cloud,
 We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

A1. Complete the following table using information from the passage.

(2)

Time	Dress woven	Atmosphere
Morning		Joyful
		Vibrant
Night	Funeral shroud of a dead man.	

A2. Find out two correct themes of this poem from the options given below.

(2)

- The cyclical nature of life from birth till death.
- The journey of life through different garments woven by the weavers at the different times of the day.
- The arrival of the new born child in a family,
- The sudden death of the old man at night.

**A3. "Handloom is not just fabric -it's a story of hard work, heritage and heart".
Explain in four lines.**

(2)

**A4. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line.
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild.**

(2)

A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on 'Tailoring is an art.'

(2)

(B) Appreciation:

(4)

No stir in the air, no stir in the sea,
The ship was as still as she could be,
Her sails from heaven received no motion.
Her keel was steady in the ocean.
 Without either sign or sound of their shock
 The waves flow'd over the Inchcape Rock;
 So little they rose, so little they fell
 They did not move the Inchcape Bell.
The Abbot of Aberbrothok
Had placed that bell on the Inchcape Rock;
On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung.
And over the waves its warning rung.
 When the Rock was hid by the surge's swell.
 The mariners heard the warning bell;
 And then they knew the perilous Rock,
 And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.

Write the poetic appreciation of the extract given below with the help of the following points

- ★ About the poem/ poet and the title.
- ★ The theme
- ★ Poetic style, language/ poetic devices used in the poem.
- ★ Special features
- ★ Your opinion, messages, values, morals in the poem

SECTION-III
(Writing Skills)

Q.4 Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

[16]

(A) Attempt Any One of the following activities:

(4)

1) Drafting a virtual message :

Mr. Mehta : Good morning Sir. May I speak to Mr. Ajay please?' I am his manager.

Mayank : Good morning. Sir, this is Mayank here. I am his son. He left for his morning walk few minutes ago. May I help you in any way?

Mr. Mehta : Yes please. Please convey him that the meeting which was scheduled at 11.30 a.m. is delayed and will be held today at 2.00 pm due to unavailability of our president as he is already busy in another meeting.

Mayank : Ok Sir. I shall send him your word. Thank you .

Mr. Mehta : Thank you.

You have to leave for your college. Draft a message to your father in about 50 words conveying the message of your father's manager.

OR

2) Statement of Purpose :

You are interested in Astronomy. You have participated in various projects held in your school and at college level. You are planning to pursue four year integrated program in astronomy, astrophysics and space science from United Kingdom which will boost your career. Prepare a statement of purpose in about 150 words which will help you to get admission in the university of your choice.

OR

3) Group Discussion

Imagine you and your friends named John, Peter and Annie are planning a trek to explore the lush forest, wildlife and Tiger sightings of Rajiv Gandhi National Park this Diwali vacation. Draft a group discussion in the form of dialogues about planning this trek. (8-10 dialogues)

(B) Attempt Any One of the following activities:

(4)

(1) E-mail writing

You have recently ordered a set of books online. Of late you realize that due to some emergency you will not be available at your given address. Write an email with all the supporting details in a proper format to the courier company requesting them to reschedule the delivery date. (In about 100-150 words)

OR

(2) Report writing:

Your college celebrated Kargil Vijay Divas. A decorated army officer was the chief guest for this occasion. Write a report of the event in about 100/150 words.

OR

(3) Interview Questions:

Imagine you are going to conduct an interview of young Indian chess grandmaster D. Gukesh who is admired by everyone for his brilliant strategies and composed state of mind. Frame a set of 8-10 interview questions with the help of given table and points mentioned below.

(Do not change the sequence of the questions)

Name of the interviewee (distinguished personality)	
Area of success / Reputation	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	
Questions	
1. Journey	
2. Training routine	
3. Role model	
4. Education	
5. balance / setbacks	
6. Hobbies	
7. Motivation	
8. Dream /goal	

(C) Attempt Any One from the given activities:**(4)****(1) Speech:**

Your college has recently celebrated birth anniversary of honorable Abdul Kalam Azad. You are given an opportunity to deliver speech on the topic 'Books are our best friends forever.' Draft a speech in about 100/150 words that you wish to deliver to the audience.

OR**(2) Compering:**

On the occasion of National Youth Day, you are given an opportunity to comper the event. As a host of the event, draft the script for the programme. You may take help of the following points: (In 100-150 words)

- Introduction
- Welcoming audience
- Chief guest's speech
- Dance
- Vote of thanks

OR**(3) Expansion of idea:**

Expand the following idea with the help of the points given below. Write your answer in about 100-150 words. 'Time is money.'

*Meaning of the proverb

*Importance of the proverb

*Examples/anecdotes/similar quotes

*Conclusion

(D) Attempt Any One from the given activities:**(4)****(1) Film Review:**

You have recently seen a thriller movie. Write a review on the same with the help of the following points given below: (In about 100-150 words)

- # Story/theme
- # Producer/Director
- # Special features of the direction
- # Characters
- # Music/photography/songs
- # Your opinion

OR**(2) Blog:**

Write a blog in proper format on 'Overuse of AI can kill our creativity.' Write your answer in about 100-150 words with the given points.

- Skill of deep thinking is lost
- Emotions are not considered
- Creativity is lost
- AI is a tool and not a replacement for our mind

(3) Appeal:

Prepare an appeal on the topic 'Say No to Litter -Protect your environment.' With the help of the following points in about 100-150 words.

- Attractive slogan
- Persuasive appeal
- Help sanitation workers
- Set a good example

SECTION - IV
(Literary Genre - Novel)

Q.5.(A) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:**[16]****i) Choose the correct option and complete the statements.****(2)**

- a) The Tale of Genji /Gullivers's Travels' has been described as the world's first novel,
- b) Realistic novel/ nature novel is one of the types of novel,
- c) Increase in trade and commerce along with social revolution/ industrial revolution led to the rise of middle class.
- d) Setting used in the gothic novels are supernatural and haunted/modern and urban.

ii) Match the columns :**(2)**

A	B
a) A novel based on life of an author	i) Frankenstein
b) A background where story takes place	ii) Protagonist
c) Main character	iii) An autobiography
d) Novel based on science and technology	iv) Setting

(B) Answer the following in about 50-75 words:**(4)**

- i) Describe Miss Pegg's views on human relationships as expressed in her speech during half-yearly report in To Sir, With Love. **(2)**
- ii) Braithwaite was successful in winning the hearts of notorious students at the Greenslade school in London. Suggest the ways he adopted in the context of the plot of the novel. **(2)**

- (C) Answer the following in about 50-75 words: (4)
- i) Write 4-5 sentences on the 'Time' theme of the extract. (2)
 - ii) Describe the setting after Phileas Fogg returns to England thinking he has lost his wager. (2)
- (D) Answer the following in 50-75 words. (4)
- i) Explain the line with reference to the context. (4)
 - ii) "You are certainly a model client. You have the correct intuition. Let us see now." (2)
 - iii) "You will, I am sure, excuse me." (2)
 - iv) Describe the character sketch of Miss Mary Munster. (2)
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