

M.M. 100

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SECTION A : READING

20 mks.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12 mks.

1. Technology is ushering in a revolution in the field of education. Through audiovisual assisted classes to long distance video-conferencing, technology is helping education become more of a practical and innovative learning exercise than bookish knowledge gained in classrooms. It has also helped enhance the magnitude of research and knowledge transfer among students.

2. Educational institutes are offering technological tools to their students to help them learn better. Students today are also opting for institutes that offer them the IT advantage. Young students are aware of the benefits that technology based learning has to offer and they go by it to decide the kind of institutes they want to study at.

3. The transition from rote learning to tech-based education is clearly evident. Swanky laptops, CDs, and e-learning are now part of everyday education. A leading academician explains, "Technology has brought about a huge transformation in the education system and rote learning is likely to diminish in the coming years." A couple of years back, online education was Greek and Latin to most people; today technology has finally arrived with a bang, and everyone has welcomed it.

4. The majority of people in India comprise what is called the GenNext and it is imperative to provide them the right kind of education. While e-learning ensures that data quality remains the top-most priority, it also facilitates the development of content.

5. Though setting up a technology-driven system is not an easy task, it has its own benefits. India has made giant strides in improving her education system, but a lot still needs to be done in terms of modernization. The introduction of IT will not only aid the students but also the faculty, and as a result the overall efficiency of the system is bound to improve.

6. With the introduction of technology, the younger lot will certainly take more interest in the curriculum. It is the best way to unleash their creativity. Thanks to the Internet, everything is available at the click of a finger (or a mouse). And, the students are making the best use of this technology. Today, it is required to replace notebooks and textbooks by 'laptops and presentations'.

7. Sudhakar Bannerjee, a student, says, "Technology is a great asset and should be used for betterment of education. However, technology needs a balanced approach." He adds that technological tools have enabled students to access information at a click. In such a situation teachers too need to widen their knowledge base as students can now put question on any and every topic. Technological advances have ensured that today no information is unavailable. Even parents can find out whether what is being taught is correct or not.

8. With technological tools here to stay, it needs to be understood that they are just assistance and can never substitute the knowledge a teacher can impart.

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| 1.1. a. How is technology making learning innovative? | 2 |
| b. What kind of schools are being opted for by the student community? | 2 |
| c. What has become the part of everyday education? Why? | 2 |
| d. What are the advantages of introduction of IT in the field of education? | 2 |
| e. What is the dire need of the hour in the present context? | 1 |

1.2. Pick the words from the passage which mean the same as:

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| a. Increase [para 1] | b. A valuable and useful thing [para 7] |
| c. Very important and needing immediate attention [para 4] | |

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 8 mks.

The kingdom of books is as vast as the universe, for there is no corner of it which they have left unexplored. There is no dearth of books on any topic, be it as simple as the composition of sodium nitrate or as intricate as the mechanism of a spacecraft towards Mars. We make use of books for the dissemination of useful ideas, for popularizing the fruits of our research in various fields of knowledge, and for spreading our progressive views on matters which are of vital concern to our fellow beings. In fact, no single product of human labour has been as helpful to the advancement of civilization as books which are written in all languages of the world and which are decoratively placed in bookshelves in our homes and tastefully displayed in bookstalls and libraries. If to Keats, works of ancient poets like Homer were realms of gold from which he derived much joy as well as inspiration, to the modern lover of books, the labours of all geniuses, including those of Keats, are mines of inestimable intellectual wealth which he goes on exploring for the sake of his mental and spiritual advancement.

There was a time some five centuries back when books, as we know them today, did not exist, and when there were few people who could read things written on stuff that certainly was not paper. At that time our ancestors used rocks, pillars and parchment with a view to recording and perpetuating their most important thoughts and achievements in the language they then understood. Now-a-days, the book-producing machinery gives to the work of every great scientific thinker, poet or philosopher, the caters to the differing tastes of millions of people for whom book-reading is an extremely pleasant, intellectual exercise. Moreover, the high percentage of literacy, the growth of libraries in towns and villages and the tendency of intellectuals to have their own private collection of useful books, have given birth to a number of big publishing houses with branches in many parts of the world and publications numbering thousands. In recent years paperbacks have begun to reveal their attraction for the reading public, and although they have not completely thrown into neglect the hard-cover market, they have appeared to people who would not have thought of buying books not so very long ago. These paperbacks are generally reprints of popular

fiction or of established classics or translation from foreign works which are in constant demand at all bookstalls.

[a] On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. [5]

[b] Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. [3]

SECTION – B [Advanced Writing Skills]

35 mks.

3. Draft a poster on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day advising people not to smoke as it is detrimental to health. [5]

OR

You lost your briefcase while travelling by city bus. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words to be published in an English Daily, in order to claim the lost briefcase.

4. CBSE has planned to discontinue the publication of blue prints and marking schemes in all major subjects (Cl. IX-X) from the Summative Assessment. Write a report for the school magazine giving the relevant information in not more than 120 words. [10]

OR

The Ramanujan Foundation for Initiatives in Mathematics Education (RFIME) organized a conference for Maths teachers. Write a report giving all the details of the conference in not more than 120 words. You are the Head Girl of the school.

5. You are Nitin/Natasha a student of Cl. XII at K.P.N. Public School, Faridabad. The student is required to cope with a lot of peer pressure in today's competitive environment. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the kind of pressures an adolescent faces and suggest ways to cope with the same. [10]

OR

You are Suresh/Smita. You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application in response to the advertisement.

Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher in a reputed school of Delhi. The candidate must have at least 5 years experience of teaching tiny-tots. The applicant must have a pleasant personality. He/She should be creative and innovative. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to The Principal, AKS International, Indirapuram, New Delhi within 10 days with detailed resume.

6. Some colleges conduct entrance test for admission to under-graduate courses like English (Hons.). Do you think that the entrance test is the right method of selecting students? Write an article in about 150-200 words. You are Shan/Shweta, a student of class XII at A.P. International School Agra. [10]

OR

Computer games and video games have become popular with children today. As a result outdoor games seem to have no place in their life anymore. You are Mukesh/Meena. You decide to write a speech to be delivered in the school assembly on your experiences about the joys of playing outdoor games in about 150-200 words.

SECTION – C [LITERATURE : TEXT BOOKS & LONG READING TEXTS] 30+15=45 Mks.

7. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 4

Those who prepare green wars, wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors, would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers, in the shade, doing nothing.

- a. Name the different kinds of wars mentioned in the above stanza. 2
- b. What kind of victory will it be? 1
- c. What should the war-mongers do? 1

OR

Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways, made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall, from our dark spirits.

- a. What does the poet mean by 'o'er-darkened ways'? 2
- b. What does 'all' refer to in the phrase 'in spite of all'? 1
- c. What ideas does the poet want to convey in these lines? 1

8. Answer any two of the following questions. [2X2=4]

- a. What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels (My Mother at Sixty-six)?
- b. What does the poet want for the children of the slums? How can their lives be made to change?
- c. What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem (Keeping Quiet)?

9. Answer any six of the following questions. [6X2=12]

- a. Through the years rag-picking has acquired the 'proportions of a fine art' in Seemapuri. Justify the statement.
- b. Why did the peddler decline to come home with the ironmaster?
- c. Why did the indigo planters obtain new agreements from the share-croppers to pay them compensation? Why did many sign willingly?
- d. Why did Hana wash the white man herself?
- e. Why did the Maharaja send for the dewan?
- f. Why did Evans stand frozen to the spot?
- g. Why did the Ironmaster invite the peddler to his home?

10. Answer the following question in 100-125 words. [5]

Who was Raj Kumar Shukla? How did he take Gandhiji to Champaran and why?

OR

The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behavior that the person expects from others? Discuss with reference to the story 'On the FACE OF IT.'

11. It is rightly said that justice delayed is justice denied. Substantiate the aphorism in the light of the following lines:

The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently the authorities wished to consult their superiors. Gandhi protested against the delay." [Value Based] [5]

12. It is essential on the part of the senior to instruct the subordinate properly. Holmes knew his responsibility to guide Watson. Substantiate. [8]

13. Discuss the character traits of Barrymore. [7]

Additional VALUE BASED Questions [05 Mkd. Each]

11. The erudite scholars opine that success in any field requires perseverance, equanimity, [5]
patience and practice. Discuss this dictum keeping in mind the following expressions. " I will be a motor mechanic I will learn to drive a car."

Additional Qs. From 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'

12. Who was Beryl Stapleton? Discuss her character traits. [8]

13. "Then the clothes have been the poor devil's death." Substantiate. [7]

12. Mrs. Laura Lyons was deserted by her husband and father. She deliberately concealed the facts from Watson. Substantiate. [8]

"A HERO is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to PERSEVERE and ENDURE In spite of overwhelming OBSTACLES."

GOOD LUCK!

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