

- (iv) For those who live near Piccadilly circus, it is
(A) a very noisy place (B) crowded with people
(C) an obstruction to traffic (D) an awkward structure

- (v) The lingerers found in Piccadilly circus are mainly
(A) the citizens of London (B) sightseers from provincial areas of Britain
(C) people who want to show off (D) local idlers

Q.2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below: [5 Marks]

Today perhaps your only association with the word 'polio' is the Sabin Oral Vaccine that protects children from the disease. Fifty five years ago this was not so. The dreaded disease, which mainly affects the brain and spinal cord, causing stiffening and weakening of muscles, crippling and paralysis - which is why I am in a wheelchair today. If somebody had predicted, when I was born, that this would happen to me, no one would have believed it. I was seventh child in a family of four pairs of brothers and sisters, with huge 23 year gap between the first and last. I was so fair and brown haired that I looked more like a foreigner than a Dawood Bohri. I was also considered to be the healthiest of the brood.

- (i) In his childhood, the narrator was
(A) a weakling (B) very healthy (C) tall and slim (D) short and stout

- (ii) In this passage, the word 'brood' refers to
(A) polio victims (B) foreign children (C) children in the family (D) Indian Children

- (iii) The narrator was the seventh child in a family of
(A) 8 children (B) 16 children (C) 23 children (D) 4 children

- (iv) In this passage, the narrator is a patient of
(A) heart disease (B) polio (C) paralysis (D) nervous weakness

- (v) In his childhood, the narrator looked "more like a foreigner than a Dawood Bohri" This was because he was
(A) a foreign child (B) a very healthy boy (C) tall and smart (D) fair and brown haired

Q3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: [5 Marks]

The assault on the purity of the environment is the price that we pay for many of the benefits of modern technology. For the advantage of automotive transportation we pay a price in smoke-induced diseases; for the powerful effects of new insecticides, we pay a price in dwindling wildlife and disturbances in the relation of living things and their surroundings; for nuclear power, we risk the biological hazards of radiation. By increasing agricultural production with fertilizers, we worsen water pollution.

The highly developed nations of the world are not only the immediate beneficiaries of the good that technology can do, that are also the first victims of environmental diseases that technology breeds. In the past, the environmental effects which accompanied technological progress were restricted to a small and relatively short time. The new hazards are neither local nor brief. Modern air pollution covers vast areas of continents: Radioactive fallout from the nuclear explosion is worldwide. Radioactive pollutants now on the earth surface will be found there for generations, and in case of Carbon-14, for thousands of years.

- (i) The widespread use of insecticides has
(A) caused nothing harmful.
(B) caused imbalance in the relationship between living beings and their environment
(C) eliminated diseases by killing mosquitoes and flies
(D) caused biological hazards

- (ii) The passage emphasizes that modern technology
(A) is an unmixed blessing (B) has caused serious hazards to life
(C) has produced powerful chemicals (D) has benefited highly developed nations

- (iii) According to the passage the increasing use of fertilisers is responsible for
(A) abundance of food (B) disturbance in the ecological system
(C) water pollution (D) increase in diseases

- (iv) The harmful effects of modern technology are
 (A) widespread but short-lived (B) widespread and long-lasting
 (C) limited and long-lasting (D) severe but short-lived
- (v) Radioactive pollutants
 (A) are limited in their effect
 (B) will benefit the atmosphere for thousands of years
 (C) will be on the surface of earth for a very long time
 (D) will dissipate in short span of time

Q4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: [5 Marks]

The Indian middle class consists of so many strata that it defies categorisation under a single term class, which would imply a considerable degree of homogeneity. Yet two paradoxical features characterise its conduct fairly uniformly; extensive practice and intensive abhorrence of corruption.

In the several recent surveys of popular perceptions of corruptions, politicians of course invariably and understandably top the list, closely followed by bureaucrats, policemen, lawyers, businessmen and others. The quintessential is middle class. If teachers do not figure high on this priority list, it is not for lack of trying, but for lack of opportunities. Over the years, the sense of shock over acts of corruption in the middle class has witnessed a steady decline, as its ambitions for a better material life have soared but the resources for meeting such ambitions have not kept pace.

What is fascinating, however, is the intense yearning of this class for a clean corruptionless politics and society, a yearning that has again and again surfaced with any figure public or obscure, focus on his mission of eradicating corruption. Even the repeated failure of this promise on virtually every man's part has not subjected it to the law of diminishing returns.

- (i) The Middle Class intensely yearns for
 (A) better material resources (B) extensive practice of corruption
 (C) clean honest society (D) law of increasing returns
- (ii) Teachers are not high on the list of corruption because they do not have
 (A) courage (B) opportunities (C) support (D) ambition
- (iii) The Indian Middle class is
 (A) defiant (B) mysterious (C) heterogenous (D) none of these
- (iv) Who figure on top of the list of corrupt people?
 (A) businessmen (B) lawyers (C) politicians (D) policemen
- (v) This yearning, over the years, has
 (A) persisted (B) diminished (C) declined (D) disappeared

[PART - B (WRITING)] [15 marks]

Q.5 You are Gopal Gaba, a resident of B - 33, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. You are concerned about the increasing road accidents. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the causes behind this phenomenon. Write the letter in about 150 - 175 words. **[10 marks]**

Q.6 You are Deepika/Teena. You are concerned about the ongoing controversy regarding the media's role in sensationalising news, moulding public opinion and moral policing. Write an article for a newspaper in not more than 120 words on the topic 'Role of Media', **[5 marks]**

OR

Write an article on "Cruelty To Animals" with a view to sensitising people to the needs of animals. **[120 words]**

[PART - C (GRAMMAR)] [20 Marks]

Q.7 Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage. **[4 Marks]**

- (i) The old man can't walk any _____ as he is extremely tired.
 (A) farther (B) further (C) both A & B (D) next

- (ii) The singer and dancer _____ arrived at the concert.
 (A) are (B) has (C) is (D) have
- (iii) Reena _____ get a proper match as she is an extremely beautiful girl.
 (A) can (B) could have (C) must (D) will have
- (iv) Anand _____ passed the exams if he had worked a little harder.
 (A) will (B) would have (C) must had (D) would

Q.8 Complete the passage given below by choosing from the appropriate options : [8 Marks]

Watermelons ...(1)... to India by the 4th century AD. Sushruta, the great Indian physician ...(2)... wrote Sushruta Samhita mentions that watermelons were grown ...(3)... the banks of the river Indus ...(4)... are also mentioned in ancient books. Sushruta calls it as Kalinda or Kalinga (hence Kalingad in Marathi). It was ...(5)... to China in the 10th or 11th century and ...(6)... it is grown throughout the tropics. Wild watermelons are ...(7)... compared to cultivated ones; some of which weigh up to 25 kg. The heaviest fruit weighing 118 kg was produced at Hope, Arkansas, USA the state to which President Clinton ...(8)...

- (i) (A) came (B) go (C) arrived (D) grew
 (E) grow
- (ii) (A) did (B) when (C) certainly (D) who
 (E) whom
- (iii) (A) above (B) outside (C) from (D) ahead
 (E) along
- (iv) (A) It (B) They (C) Some (D) That
 (E) Those
- (v) (A) took (B) gave (C) taken (D) take
 (E) taking
- (vi) (A) also (B) though (C) now (D) tomorrow
 (E) soon
- (vii) (A) heavier (B) taller (C) thinner (D) smaller
 (E) shorter
- (viii) (A) rules (B) belongs (C) grew (D) elects
 (E) elected

Q.9 Complete the following Newspaper Headlines : [4 Marks]

(i) PLAN TO ENHANCE GROWTH IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR :

The State Agriculture Department last Saturday _____ a review meeting of four districts-Gumla, Simdega, Khunti and Lohardaga to enhance growth in agriculture sector.

- (A) was going to hold (B) held (C) is holding (D) will hold

(ii) ABDUCTED STATE GOVERNOR FOUND DEAD :

The governor of a Southern Colombian state on Tuesday _____ less than 24 hours after being abducted by leftist rebels, a top state security official said.

- (A) was found dead (B) found dead (C) have been found dead (D) had been found dead.

(iii) SUPERMARKET LAUNCHES FREE SCHOOL COMPUTER HANDOUT SCHEME.

A supermarket in the satellite town of Noida (a) _____ a scheme to hand out free computers to schools in the vicinity.

- (A) launches (B) has launched (C) is launching (D) will be launching

(iv) ACCIDENT SPOILS CHAMPION'S CHANCES

A major accident (b) _____ the chances of Laura Johnson winning the equestrian championship.

- (A) has spoilt (B) is spoiling (C) spoils (D) had been spoilt

Q.10 Fill the gaps in the following sentences using the correct preposition. **[4 Marks]**

- (i) Sitting _____ the floor isn't exactly comfortable. Throw me a cushion, please Priya.
(ii) I explained _____ him that it was a custom in England to wash one's car at the weekend.
(iii) He is capable ___ doing this work.
(iv) We asked her to describe the attacker and she said that he was a tall man _____ a limp.

[PART - D (LITERATURE)]

[35 Marks]

Q.11 Read the following extracts and answer the question that follow :

1. *I met a traveller from an antique land*

*Who said : Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies,*

(3 marks)

- (i) Where has the traveller travelled ?
(ii) What kind of statue is it that the traveller sees ?
(iii) What has become of the human face ?

2. *A snake came to my water - trough*

*On a hot, hot day, and I in pyjamas for the heat,
To drink there.*

In the deeps, strange - scented shade of the great dark carob-tree.

(3 marks)

- (i) Why do you think the poet was in pyjamas ?
(ii) When and what for did the snake come there ?
(iii) Where did the snake come ? What was around ?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words : (any five out of six) **[2 × 5 = 10 Marks]**

(i) What ghastly act did the Ancient Mariner commit ? How did they suffer the consequences of this act?

(ii) "It's all your fault, She glared at me..." What was the narrator's fault as per the ghost ? What for did the narrator blame the ghost ?

(iii) Why is Antony's speech more effective?

(iv) When did the first video game come to an end and with what ?

(v) How did the poet look at the snake as a king when it had gone?

(vi) What did Patol Babu feel after the shoot ? Why did he go without taking any money ?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 60 - 80 words : **[3 × 3 = 9 Marks]**

(i) How did the narrator finally rescue Sebastian Shultz starting from the second video game 'Dragonquest' ?

(ii) Describe the meeting of the members of the Lavinia's Book Club at her house with Ouija boards.

(iii) Write your impression about Patol Babu both as an artist and a human being.

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words : **[10 marks]**

(i) Anne Sullivan appears to be an ideal teacher. Describe her personality.

OR

(ii) Evaluate the character of Peter.