

CBSE Board Examination – 2024

ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Solved Paper

Class–10th

Maximum Marks: 80

Time allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

(i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

(ii) The question paper contains THREE sections –

Section–A: Reading Skills

Section–B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

Section–C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

(iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Delhi Set–1

2/1/1

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS 20 MARKS

1. Read the text given below:

10 Marks

- (1) Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- (2) A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.
- (3) With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.
- (4) Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.
- (5) At the same time, acceptance and recognition of cultural diversity in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) are conducive to dialogue among civilisations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding.
- (6) In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Next, in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development and in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development, affirming culture's contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development, acknowledging further the natural and cultural diversity of the world and recognising that cultures and civilisations can contribute to and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development.
- (7) The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to achieve the goals of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October 2005.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage: 10

- (i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. 1

(a) _____
(b) _____

- (ii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para (2). 1

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis.

- (A) the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics
(B) the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency
(C) questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency
(D) highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency.

- (iii) Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved. 2

- (iv) What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (4)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words: 2

“Cultural diversity is an asset.”

- (v) The phrase ‘bridging the gap’ in paragraph (4) refers to: 1

- (A) widening the differences
(B) connecting two disparate ideas
(C) supporting the bridging
(D) filling in the space between two connected things

- (vi) In sets a–e below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1

- a. richness and poverty
b. intellectual and moral
c. reduction and promotion
d. essential and intrinsic
e. urgent and crucial

Options:

- (A) a and c (B) b and e
(C) d and e (D) b and d

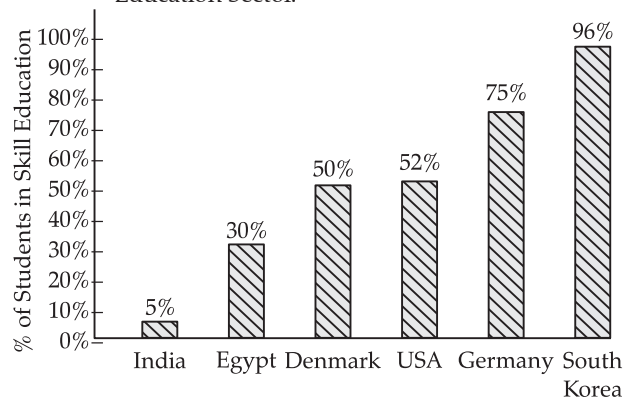
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately: 1
The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted _____.

- (viii) Complete the following sentence: 1
_____ is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

2. Read the extract given below: 10 Marks

- (1) The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.
- (2) The policy aims to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.
- (3) Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasising the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.
- (4) The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of ‘academic’ or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a hub and spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.

The Global Scenario of Students in Skill Education Sector.



Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions given below: 10

- (i) Based on the reading of the extract, list 2 objectives of NEP 2020. 2
- (ii) Fill in the blank with appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on the understanding of paragraph (4).

The statement:

"The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities" is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail). 1

(iii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement given below:

"According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education." 1

(A) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(B) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(D) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(iv) Based on the understanding of the passage, complete the following statement appropriately: The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be _____.

(v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from paragraph (3): Racism: condemn:: _____: respect 1

(vi) As per the Global Scenario which country has the maximum percentage of students in Skill Education and what can be the possible reason? 2

(vii) Fill in the following blank choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below: As per NEP 2020, skill exposure will begin at _____.

(A) middle and secondary school 1

(B) primary school

(C) higher school

(D) senior secondary school

(viii) Justify the statement 'The NEP will create an awareness and appreciation of Indian arts and artisanship.' 1

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed: 10×1 = 10

(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

In response to your query, the document that _____ (explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

(ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly

enough to captivate my taste buds.

Error	Correction

Use the above format for your response.

(iii) Raashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Raashi's question.

Raashi: What challenges have you faced while volunteering?

Ratul: The main challenge is dealing with different personalities, but it's also a great learning experience.

(iv) Read the dialogue between a librarian and a student.

Librarian: Welcome back! It's good to see you, young man!

Student: Thanks! I was overloaded with assignments, so I have not visited the library this week.

Based on the conversation above, report the dialogue between a librarian and a student by completing the sentence.

The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that _____ which had limited his recent visits to the library.

Select the correct option from those given below:

(A) he had been overloaded with assignments

(B) he has been overloaded with assignments

(C) he was overloaded with assignments

(D) he is overloaded with assignments

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the bracket, to complete the sentence:

The revised meeting agenda is attached and _____ (this/those/it) needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting.

(vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy.

We offers a 30-day return policy on all unopened products purchased from our websites.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign.

The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	activity	activities
(B)	goal	goals
(C)	younger	youth
(D)	is	are

(viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The internship at the tech startup had me _____ excited about the potential

of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

- (A) feeling (B) felt
(C) to feel (D) feels
(ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: You look a little different today!

Customer: Yes, I just got a new haircut.

The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that _____

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair:

We have exciting news to share!

Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair.

- (A) awarded (B) was awarded
(C) had awarded (D) has been awarded
(xi) Complete the line from a song by filling the blank with the correct option:

The morning dew captures your essence,
The flowers and grass _____ your colour,
The Sunrise embraces your arrival,
As the dawn welcomes a new day.

- (A) reflect (B) reflects
(C) reflected (D) shall reflect
(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence:

The public health campaign aimed in increase awareness of the risks associated with underage drinking.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose:

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

- (A) There are daily reports in the newspaper of fatal accidents due to reckless driving and road rage. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Traffic Police in about 120 words suggesting the need to take stricter action against the offenders. Recommend the use of social media to launch awareness campaigns about the implications of irresponsible driving. You are Shantanu / Savita, living at B-108 Krishi Apartments. 5

OR

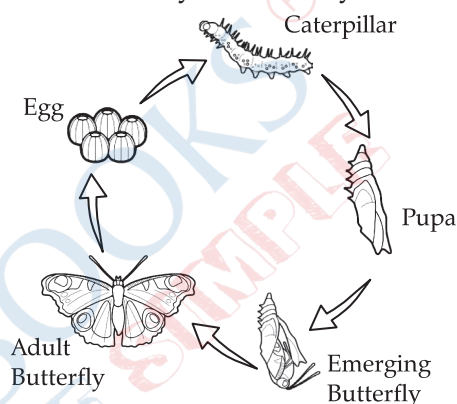
- (B) A leading communication company 'Savera' is sponsoring a half marathon run in your city to raise funds for 'Koshish' an orphanage. You are Roshini/Roshan, school captain of Adarsh Vidyalaya. You are leading a batch of hundred students in the half marathon to be held in your city.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily emphasising the participation of school children in such programmes as part of voluntary community service. Highlight the benefits of participation in such activities. 5

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

- (A) The visual given shows the life cycle of a butterfly. Study the information carefully and then summarise it in the form of an analytical paragraph. Make comparisons and draw conclusions wherever applicable. 5

Life Cycle of Butterfly



OR

- (B) Study the table given below which shows the data on the hobbies of students during summer vacations. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words analysing what hobbies do boys and girls choose in their summer vacations:

Hobbies	Boys	Girls
Singing	7%	25%
Photography	35%	5%
Playing	30%	16%
Dancing	13%	40%
Yoga	19%	15%

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK 40 MARKS

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two:

- (A) On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the 20th century a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences and created a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known. Now, in the last decade of the twentieth century and my own eighth decade as a man, that system has been overturned

forever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin.

- (i) Explain the feelings of the narrator when he said; "I was overwhelmed with a sense of history." 1
- (ii) The system of racial domination has been replaced by a system that: 1
- (A) confirms the education of the Blacks.
- (B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.
- (C) recollects the bitter experiences.
- (D) focuses on the personality development.
- (iii) Comment on the kind of society apartheid had created? 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'patched up' in the given sentence from the extract:

"...the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences..." 1

OR

(B) I started right away at the Montessori Nursery School. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form, my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

- (i) "In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration." State any one inference about Anne from the above context. 1
- (ii) The first education of Anne started at _____. 1
- (A) some Kindergarten School
- (B) a Nursery School
- (C) Montessori Nursery School
- (D) Elementary School
- (iii) Who was Mrs. Kuperus? What kind of relationship did Anne share with her? 2
- (iv) Substitute the word 'heartbreaking' with a word similar in meaning in the following sentence:
"At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell." 1

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two:

(A) He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water pole
Where plump deer pass.

He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,

Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!

- (i) State any one point of contrast between the tiger in the zoo and in its natural habitat. 1
- (ii) When the speaker suggests that the tiger should be "Snarling around houses at the jungle's edge"? What does he insinuate about the tiger's natural behaviour and habitat? 1
- (iii) The poet's skillful use of imagery effectively depicts the confinement and frustration of the tiger. Elaborate in about 40 words. 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'quiet rage' in the given sentence from the extract?
The few steps of his cage on pads of velvet quiet in his 'quiet rage.' 1

OR

(B) No use to say 'O there are other balls
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where his ball went.

I would not intrude on him,
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external
He is learning.....

- (i) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards the boy's reaction to losing his ball? 1
- (A) indifferent as the ball is inexpensive
- (B) sympathetic, understanding the depth of the boy's loss
- (C) mocking, finding the boy's reaction exaggerated and unnecessary.
- (D) panicked, sharing the boy's distress over the lost ball.
- (ii) Comment on the use of metaphor in the above extract. 1
- (iii) Explain the phrase 'all his young days into the harbour' with reference to the extract. 1
- (iv) Briefly state in about 40 words the boy's journey from 'shaking grief' to 'he is learning' in the above extract. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in 40-50 words each: 4×3 = 12

- (i) What mood of the poet is reflected in the poem 'Dust of Snow' initially? What images are used by the poet to bring about the effect? Comment.
- (ii) How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances?
- (iii) What makes Custard, the dragon look fearsome? Explain.
- (iv) Explain, why the speaker mentions God in the poem "For Anne Gregory".

- (v) What message might the Buddha's story hold for those who are in positions of power and privilege?
9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in 40–50 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (i) Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify. (Footprints Without Feet)
- (ii) Why did Bholi's teacher feel like an artist admiring her masterpiece? (Bholi)
- (iii) What is the twist at the end of the story "The Necklace"? (The Necklace)
10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 100–120 words:
- (i) In the chapter 'A Baker from Goa' the narrator talks about his childhood in Goa and his fond memories. In about 120 words write a presentation draft comparing the childhood of the narrator in 'A Baker from Goa' to that of Nelson Mandela.

You may begin this way:

Delhi Set-2

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Note: Except the following all other Questions are from Delhi Set-1

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed: $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (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

It was agreed that the teacher would _____ (organise) the science fair for the students of grade 8.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

The soup recipe didn't turned out as expected, it was lacking in flavour.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (iii) Read the conversation given below between a receptionist and a guest. Complete the sentence by filling in the blank:

Receptionist: Good to see you again, sir!

Guest: Indeed, it's always nice to be back here.

The guest replied that _____.

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Raashi and Ratul regarding volunteer work:

Raashi: What is the most rewarding part of volunteering?

Childhood memories remind us of the days gone by.....

Reference: A Baker from Goa and Nelson Mandela: Long Walk 6

- (ii) Amanda from the poem 'Amanda' is a teenager like Anne Frank and lives in her fantasy world whereas Anne is a chatter box. What conversation will Anne Frank have with Amanda about different perspectives of life? Write your answer in about 120 words. 6

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 100–120 words:

- (i) How did the lady in red manage to outsmart and out maneuver the other thief, Horace Danby, by robbing the safe without leaving a single fingerprint? (A Question of Trust) 6

- (ii) Hari Singh says— "He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything."

Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of The Thief's Story. 6

Ratul: Seeing the positive impact we can make in people's lives is the most rewarding part.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Raashi asked Ratul about the most rewarding part of volunteering. Ratul expressed that seeing the _____ is the most rewarding part.

- (A) positive impact we can make in people's lives
 (B) positive impact they can make in people's lives
 (C) positive impact they could make in people's lives
 (D) positive impact we could make in people's lives
 (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from the bracket, to complete the sentence:

The quarterly performance report is attached and _____ (these/that/it) requires immediate attention from the management team.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence taken from a case study:

"We specialises in arranging bespoke tours to exotic locations around the world."

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction in the given sentence:

She wants to learns how to play the piano.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	want	wanted
(B)	learns	learn
(C)	play	played
(D)	play	plays

(viii) The management felt that the company include corporate social responsibility as part of its mission statement and work for the betterment of society.

- (A) must (B) ought
(C) need (D) might

(ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: Have you been busy lately?

Customer: Yes, I have been very occupied with work this week.

The vendor asked his customer if he had been busy of late. The customer confirmed this, stating that _____.

(x) The residents _____ eagerly for the young ones to visit them every Sunday and bring cheer to their lonely lives:

- (A) has waited (B) has been waiting
(C) were waiting (D) waited

(xi) Complete the line from a self awareness song, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The autumn breeze cradles your thoughts,
The falling leaves _____ your melancholy,
The Sunset paints your mood,
As the evening ushers in the night.

- (A) share (B) shares
(C) shared (D) shall share

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for this line from a health study:

The research explores the correlation of physical activity and mental health.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose:

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

(A) You are Soumya/Soham, living at 43-B, Blue Apartments, Prashant Lok. You wish to take up a three-week summer course in baking after finishing your class X board exams. Write a letter in about 120 words, to the Principal of Excellent Cooking, Block-D, Mahesh Enclave, seeking information about the course structure, course duration, fees, class timings, on job trainings, etc. 5

OR

(B) You are Punit/Punita of Eric India Pvt. Ltd., Saman Chowk. You have received the reply to your letter of inquiry from Lifeway India Company. You feel confident about the company's terms and conditions. Write a letter placing an order for the furniture for your office, that you had mentioned in the previous

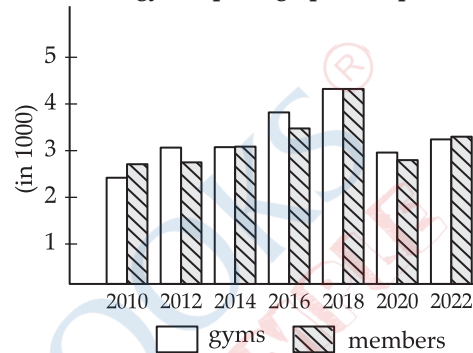
communication. Include a reference to your previous letter. Remember to mention quantity, quality, mode of payment, delivery date and discount. 5

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

(A) The chart given below displays data about the number of gyms and the number of members in your city over the past decade.

Write a paragraph analysing the given data:

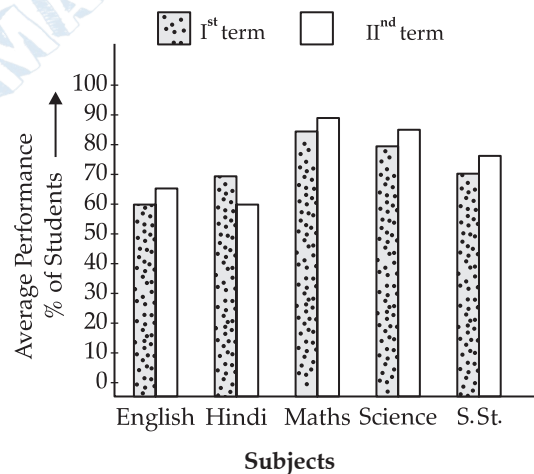
Number of gyms opening up in the past decade



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OR

(B) You are a teacher in New City Global School. The given bar graph shows a comparative analysis of students' performance in different subjects in the terminal exam. Write an analytical paragraph on the variation in the performances of students in about 120 words:



SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in 40-50 words each: 2 × 3 = 6

(iii) Why was Madam Loisel shocked at the end of the story?

Note: Except the following all other Questions are from Delhi Set-1 & 2

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed: 10×1 = 10

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of an email:

You will find in this email a brochure that _____ (present) the various tourist attractions in our city, aimed at boosting local tourism.

- (ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

She don't like chocolate ice-cream.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (iii) Read the conversation between a hostess and a customer.

Complete the sentence by filling in the blank based on the conversation:

Hostess: Wonderful to see you again, sir!

Customer: Thanks, I couldn't resist your delicious food.

The customer responded that _____.

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Raashi and Ratul regarding volunteer work:

Raashi: Have you encouraged others to volunteer?

Ratul: Absolutely, I always encourage my friends and family to consider volunteering.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Raashi asked Ratul _____. Ratul affirmed that he always encourages his friends and family to consider volunteering.

- (A) whether he encouraged others to volunteer
 (B) whether he had encouraged others to volunteer
 (C) whether he encourages others to volunteer
 (D) whether he is encouraging others to volunteer
 (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from the bracket, to complete the sentence:
 Attached are the departmental performance reports and _____ (it/these/them) should be reviewed by each department head.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence taken from a case study:
 The 2020 research study pay attention to the relationship between high levels of stress and employee productivity.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction in the given sentence from a public health campaign:

The campaign encourages parents to reducing screen time for their children.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	to	for
(B)	for	to
(C)	reducing	reduce
(D)	encourages	encourage

- (viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The chance to mentor a group of underprivileged students helped me _____ the educational disparities in our society.

- (A) understanding (B) understood
 (C) to understand (D) may understand
 (ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: Are you feeling alright today?

Customer: Yes, I'm doing much better than before.

The vendor asked his customer if he was feeling okay. The customer responded positively saying that _____.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on a school news channel:
 In a miraculous turn of events, the Sunview School hockey team _____ the championship trophy.

- (A) has been lifting (B) had lifted
 (C) lifted (D) will lift
 (xi) Complete the line from a song, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

In the night, the stars _____ your dreams,
 The moonlight guides your course,
 The cool breeze whispers your name,
 Leading you towards a new dawn.

- (A) shines (B) shine
 (C) shone (D) shining
 (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in an environmental study:

The study examines the relation of carbon emissions and global warming.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose:

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

- (A) You are Aman/Amita, living at 45-B, Bellaview Nagar. You want information about the French language course at La-France institute, Mohan Circle. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Director, Foreign Language enquiring about the details of the courses offered by the institution. In your letter include eligibility, duration of different courses, medium of instruction, examination cycle, etc. 5

OR

- (B) The residents of Sunshine Society had put up a weekend carnival to raise funds for 'Apeksha' a home for physically challenged. All items on sale were made by the residents themselves. As President of the society, Adil Kumar, write a letter in 120 words to the editor of the local daily, about this experience, appreciating the effort of the residents. Suggest how citizens must reach out to their communities, volunteer time and render help in any way they can. 5

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

- (A) Teenagers have different tastes in spending their free time. The following data shows how teenagers spend their free time. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words analysing how boys and girls spend their free time: 5

S. No.	Hobbies	Boys (%)	Girls (%)
1.	Reading books and comics	12%	25%
2.	Watching movies and songs	15%	35%
3.	Talking to their friends	10%	20%
4.	Watching sports	16%	4%
5.	Playing outdoor and indoor games	40%	20%

OR

- (B) Read the following excerpt taken from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily: 5

"A recent study has revealed that the prevalence of obesity among school children is on a steady rise. Consumption of food with high glycaemic index, change in sleep patterns, reduced physical activity and the increased screen time has been linked to obesity in children. This is an emerging public health problem in the country." Taking help from the above, write an analytical paragraph for your school magazine in about 120 words. You are Sonika/Sahil.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in 40-50 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$

(iii) What is common about the role that Dr. Urquhart and Mr. Weiherer played in Richard Ebright's life? Describe **any one** commonality with evidence from the text "The Making of a Scientist".

Outside Delhi Set-1

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SECTION-A

READING SKILLS 20 MARKS

1. Read the following text: [10]

- (1) Fossil fuels (oil, coal and natural gas) are our most traditional sources for power generation. The energy that's produced from any source other than fossil fuels is termed as alternative energy. Between the two sources, using alternative energy has a lower environmental impact.
- (2) We now know that alternative energy sources are the sources we use to supplement or even replace traditional energy sources used for power generation. You could almost say the same thing about renewable energy sources. But there is one subtle difference between the two. All renewable energy sources fall under the category of alternative energy sources, but it doesn't work the other way around.
- (3) That's because renewable energy sources are derived from naturally replenished sources or processes of Earth, such as the sun, wind and water. We refer to these resources as renewable or sustainable since, unlike fossil fuels, this

naturally occurring continual renewal makes them inexhaustible. However, alternative energy sources are exhaustible and therefore not renewable. That's the difference!

- (4) The equipment necessary to harness energy from alternative sources used to be so expensive that it wasn't practical for consumer use. However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case.
- (5) When it comes to energy efficiency, the leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. Behind wind comes geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy and then solar power. Wind power serves both individuals and entire communities. It is versatile and can be produced from small-scale windmills or wind turbines on residential properties. It can also be produced from large-scale offshore wind farms in the ocean.
- (6) We generate geothermal power by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. Geothermal electricity can directly heat and cool buildings. Generated from the energy of moving water, hydroelectricity (also known as

hydropower) is produced when water behind a dam causes turbine blades to move as it flows through an intake. The turbine blades then rotate a generator to produce electricity that is sent to power homes.

- (7) Nuclear energy is created in the form of heat through the fission process of atoms. The initial fission process creates energy and triggers a chain reaction that repeats the process and generates more energy. In nuclear power plants, the heat that fission produces creates steam. The steam then rotates a turbine, which leads to the production of electricity.
- (8) Solar power most commonly refers to the use of solar cells to create energy. On a small scale, you may see a few solar panels on a house roof used to produce energy for just that one home. On a larger scale, you may see a solar farm used as a power plant to produce electricity for its consumers.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources? **1**
- (A) Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.
- (B) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.
- (C) Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.
- (D) Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.
- (ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. **2**
- “However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that’s no longer the case”.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately: **1**
- In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because _____.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms: **1**
- (A) generate and produce
- (B) exhaustible and inexhaustible
- (C) subtle and versatile
- (D) power and energy
- (E) sustainable and exhaustible
- (v) Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why? **1**
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity. **2**
- (vii) What is the message conveyed by the passage? **1**
- (A) Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.
- (B) Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.
- (C) There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.

(D) Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.

- (viii) State whether the following statement is **True** or **False** with reference to the given extract. **1**

Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

- 2. Read the passage given below: [10]**

(1) Mango (*Mangifera indica*) 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 as ‘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 percent 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 mango 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 is United States of America, however, India exports only two percent 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.	U.S.A.	2
2.	Kuwait	2
3.	Saudi Arabia	3
4.	Qatar	6
5.	Bangladesh	6
6.	Oman	7
7.	U.K.	9
8.	Nepal	24
9.	United Arab Emirates	33
10.	Bahrain	2
11.	Others	6

(Adapted for academic usage.)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of Para (1) 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 as the king of fruits because _____ 1
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of Para (2): 1
The statement that, India is the largest producer of Mangoes with 45.88 percent of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail)
- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words: 2
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? 1
- (v) The top mango importing country is the U.S.A., however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the U.S.A. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- (vi) In the given sentence taken from para-2, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely antonym. 1
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.) 2
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? 1
(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.

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks, as directed: 10 × 1 = 10
- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1
Therefore, I request you to please consider this request of _____ (construct) a park in our society so that each and every person can benefit and we can enjoy a healthy environment amidst the concrete jungle.
- (ii) Read the given sentence from an article on Yoga. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: 1

Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar, all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) 'Manthan and Sonalika had a conversation about Sonalika's job interview. 1
Report Manthan's question.
How are you preparing for the interview?
- (iv) Read the dialogue between Meher and her mother, regarding Meher's dance classes. 1
Mother: Are you enjoying your dance classes?
Meher: Oh Yes! I am loving it. It is so refreshing to attend them after a long day.
Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.
Meher's mother asked her _____. In response, Meher exclaimed _____ and said that she was loving it. She added that it was very refreshing to attend them after a long day.
(A) whether the dance classes were being enjoyed by her
(B) whether she is enjoying her dance classes
(C) whether she was enjoying her dance classes
(D) whether the dance classes are being enjoyed by her
- (v) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a circular issued by an organisation, to its stakeholders. 1
In order to enable the stakeholders to _____ (access/ assess/ accent) all the applicable circulars at one place, the provisions of the circulars issued till January 6, 2024, are incorporated in this master circular.
- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a company's orientation programme: 1

A founder's goal, during the first phase, is to learn how to obtain feedback on low prospective and real customers are experience the product.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report: 1
In many low and middle income countries, health coverage has improved dramatically in the last two decades, but health outcomes may not.

Option No	Error	Correction
A	has	have
B	improved	improve
C	may	have
D	but	thus

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: 1
Excited about his newly earned powers, Midas started touching all kinds of things, _____ each item into pure gold.
(A) to turning (B) turning
(C) turned (D) turns

(ix) Report the dialogue between two friends, Nidhi and Neha, by completing the sentences: **1**

Nidhi: Have you mastered the art of cooking Chinese food?

Neha: Yes, indeed! I have been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Nidhi asked Neha if she had mastered the art of cooking Chinese food. Neha answered in the affirmative and explained that _____.

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the disclaimer given in a textbook: **1**

The authors of the book _____ all reasonable care to ensure that the contents of the book do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any person in any manner.

- (A) has been taking (B) have taken
(C) has taken (D) have been took

(xi) Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option: **1**

Planting a tree is a very noble deed and _____ the earth from global warming!

- (A) saves (B) saving
(C) had saved (D) should save

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a toaster's instruction manual: **1**

Use this appliance only for its intentional use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the manufacturer.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 Marks)

4. (a) As Nalini Sharda of 409, Surya Apartments, Gopalpur, you believe that pedestrian safety is very important. Footpaths on both sides of the main roads of your city need major repairs and on some stretches they need to be constructed.

Write a letter to the MLA of your city area, in about 120 words, stressing the need for footpaths for pedestrian safety. Share your concern for maintenance of existing footpaths and the need to construct new ones where they are required. **1×5=5**

OR

(b) As Sohail Khan, the sports captain of Pinnacle Public School, you believe that fitness as a lifestyle should be promoted. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, suggesting the introduction of 'Cycle to School' campaign for school going students. The programme aims to develop the habit of exercising through cycling to maintain fitness and keeping children active. Share the importance and credibility of such a programme and suggest a feasible way to execute it along with possible activities.

5. (A) An area is believed to be water stressed when annual water supplies drop below 1700 cubic metres per person per year. As per an analysis,

we are already surviving with around 1700–1800 cubic metres per year. As our demand for water has increased drastically over the years, per capita water availability has taken a beating. **1×5=5**

Based on the given table, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the possible causes of water scarcity in the future.

Table on water availability

Year	Population (Million)	Per capita water availability (m ³ /year)
1951	361	5177
1955	395	4732
1991	846	2209
2001	1027	1820
2025	1394	1341
2050	1640	1140

OR

(B) There are many types of bottles available in the market. This chart compares the disadvantages and advantages of various types of bottles. Based on the chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the pros and cons of each and selecting a suitable one.

	Chemical Free?	Environmentally Friendly?	Recyclable?	Durable?	Lightweight?	Easy to Clean?	Dish washer safe?	Affordable?
Glass Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Silicone Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	No
Stainless Steel Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Plastic Bottles	No	No	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	Yes

(Adapted for academic purpose.)

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK 40 MARKS

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two: **5**

(A) The train pulled out of the station — Pranjol buried his nose in his detective book again. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories but, at the moment he was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery. It was green, green everywhere. Rajvir had

never seen so much greenery before. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea bushes. It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall, sturdy, shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures.

(Glimpses of India — Tea from Assam)

- (i) State any one inference about Rajvir from the given context: **1**
 "Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment he was keen on looking at the beautiful scenery."
- (ii) State True or False: **1**
 The reason Rajvir was interested in looking at the beautiful scenery was that the detective book he was reading, was not interesting.
- (iii) People who live in big cities are always fascinated by the natural beauty and abundant greenery. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. **2**
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'doll-like figures', in the given sentence from the extract?
 Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures.

OR

- (B) I went back to the bazaar and sat down in the shelter of the clock tower. The clock showed midnight. I felt for the notes. They were damp from the rain. Anil's Money. In the morning he would probably have given me two or three rupees to go to the cinema, but now I had it all. I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar or learn to write whole sentences any more. I had forgotten about them in the excitement of the theft. Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees. It was a simple matter to steal and sometimes just as simple to be caught. (The Thief's Story)
- (i) Which of the following is NOT a reason why Hari Singh thinks he would not be able to write whole sentences? **1**
 (A) Anil would not be there to teach him.
 (B) He had robbed Anil and left.
 (C) He would not go back to Anil to learn.
 (D) He had no money to take admission in school.
- (ii) Why is it fair to say that Hari Singh's tone, when he says "I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar or learn to write whole sentences any more," is filled with remorse and regret? Answer in about 40 words. **2**
- (iii) What do you infer about Hari Singh from this statement? **1**

"Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees."

- (iv) State **True** or **False** with reference to the given extract. **1**
 The reason Hari Singh was filled with a feeling of guilt was because Anil trusted him.
7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two: **5**
- (A) The true Chameleon is small
 A lizard sort of thing;
 He hasn't any ears at all,
 And not a single wing,
 If there is nothing on the tree,
 Tis the Chameleon You see
 (How To Tell Wild Animals)
- (i) Fill in the blank with one word: **1**
 When the speaker says "If there is nothing on the tree, 'Tis the Chameleon you see", he refers to _____ as characteristic trait of a true Chameleon.
- (ii) What does the speaker mean when he says, 'A lizard sort of thing'? **1**
- (iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker's disposition while describing the Chameleon? **1**
 (A) indifferent (B) playful
 (C) dismissive (D) respectful
- (iv) Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. Answer in about **40** words. **2**
- OR**
- (B) My head is full of whispers
 Which tomorrow will be silent.
 Listen. The glass is breaking.
 The trees are stumbling forward
 into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
 The moon is broken like a mirror,
 its pieces flash now in the crown
 of the tallest Oak.
 (The Trees)
- (i) Identify the figure of speech used in the line: "The trees are stumbling forward into the night". **1**
- (ii) Explain the significance of the line: "The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest Oak." Answer in about **40** words. **2**
- (iii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. In the third line, the word 'Listen' is used to _____. **1**
 (A) serve no purpose but to complete the sentence.
 (B) emphasise listening carefully to the sound of glass breaking.
 (C) emphasise listening carefully as a change is about to take place.
 (D) make the reader more attentive.
- (iv) What does the line: "My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent" tell us about the poet's state of mind? **1**
8. Answer any **four** of the following five questions, in

40–50 words each: $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (i) What idea does the Postmaster come up with What did he do to stick to his resolution? 3
(A Letter to God)
- (ii) Briefly bring out the contrast between the young seagull's initial attempts to fly and his first successful flight. (His First Flight) 3
- (iii) Explain why Amanda wants to be an orphan. Refer to the given lines, from the text – I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet. (Amanda) 3
- (iv) Mijbil turned out to be a playful pet. Elaborate. (Mijbil the Otter) 3
- (v) Ogden Nash uses vivid imagery in 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' to appeal to the senses. Elaborate the imagery used for the Pirate. 3
9. Answer any **two** out of the following three questions in 40–50 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (i) What does Mr. Herriot mean by "happy period" for himself and his partners? Explain. 3
(A Triumph of Surgery)
- (ii) Justify how Ebright's mother played an important part in becoming him a scientist. 3
(The Making of a Scientist)
- (iii) A well known book of nursery rhymes saved the world from a Martian invasion. Comment with reference to 'The Book that Saved the Earth'. 3
10. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 100–120 words: $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (A) A desire is more personal whereas a vision has broader connotations. You have been asked to present an analysis of Valli's desire and Mandela's vision and how they are respectively fulfilled. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words, comparing the approaches of both Valli and Mandela.
You may begin like this:

One acknowledges that both, Valli and Mandela _____ however,

(Reference: *Nelson Mandela – A Long Walk to Freedom & Madam Rides a Bus*)

OR

- (B) You have been chosen to address the student gathering from the nearby schools, to speak on "How to Deal with Loss – Personal or Material". Prepare the speech draft in not more than 120 words, with reference to the commonality of themes in John Benymán's. 'The Ball Poem' and 'A Sermon at Benaras'.
You may begin this way.
Good morning everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how we can learn to deal with loss.
You may end in this way—
To conclude, I'd like to say that—
Thank you.
11. Answer any **one** of the following two questions, in 100–120 words: $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (A) Imagine that Griffin's conscience pricks him and he decides to write a diary entry, about misusing science and endangering society, in the context of his own experience.
Write this diary entry, as Griffin, in about 120 words. (Reference: *Footprints without Feet* by H.G. Wells)
- OR
- (B) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges and interaction with other characters.
In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Matilda in Guy De Maupassants' 'The Necklace', in about 120 words.

Outside Delhi Set-2

1/4/2

Note: Except the following all other Questions are from Outside Delhi Set-1

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks, as directed: $10 \times 1 = 10$
- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1
Since you have been found guilty of _____ (deliver) poor results for six months at a stretch, we are issuing this warning letter to warn you.
- (ii) Read the given sentence from a research study. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: 1

Today, researchers are trying to establish whether yoga must help relieve people from depression and arthritis.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) Swati and Akshat had a conversation about the opening of Swati's Art Exhibition. 1
Report Akshat's question.
Did the organisers offer you any discount?
- (iv) Read the dialogue between Manish and his father, regarding Manish's cricket coaching. 1
Father: Did you get a new coach in the academy to train you?
Manish: Yes, the new coach is very motivating and pushes us to perform better.
Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Manish's father asked him _____.

Manish answered in the affirmative and added that the new coach was very motivating and pushed them to perform better.

- (A) if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.
 (B) if he is getting a new coach in the academy to train him.
 (C) whether he got a new coach to train him.
 (D) whether he gets a new coach in the academy to train him.
 (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line from a policy document of a company: **1**
 It helps anyone _____ (whom/who/which) wants to enter into a contractual relationship with the company to gain knowledge about the company.
 (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a speech by an employee: We live in an ever changed world and in order to keep up and become successful, continuous education is a must. **1**
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report: **1**
 The search for better employment opportunities are the key mechanism by which the majority of the world's population can hope to improve their lives.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	search	research
B	for	about
C	are	is
D	can	ought to

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: **1**
 One scorching summer, the desert became dry and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly _____ to wilt.
 (A) beginning (B) begin
 (C) began (D) begins
 (ix) Report the dialogue between two friends, Deepika and Nida, by completing the sentence: **1**
Deepika: Are you excited about your sister's marriage?
Nida: Yes, indeed ! My family has been busy with preparations for the past two months. Deepika asked Nida if she was excited about her sister's marriage. Nida answered in the affirmative and explained that _____.
 (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the pop up on a computer screen: **1**

We use essential cookies to make our site work. With your consent, we may also use non-essential cookies to _____ and analyse website traffic.

- (A) improve user experience.
 (B) improving user experience.
 (C) improve using experience.
 (D) improved user experience.
 (xi) Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option: **1**
 The Road to Success Lies Along the Path that's _____ Recycling Bins !
 (A) Line with (B) Lined with
 (C) Lining with (D) Lined to
 (xi) Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence taken from a course's flyer: **1**

Our courses offer you concise training on individual growth and personal developments. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

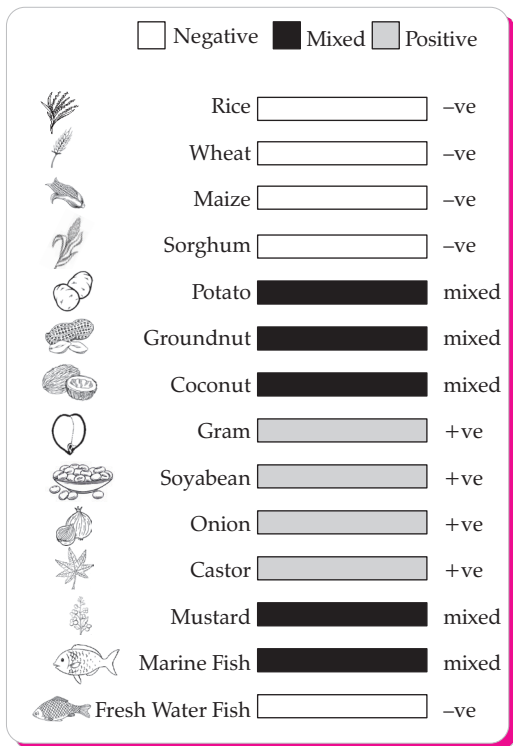
CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 Marks)

4. (A) As Komal Gupta of 987, Dev Apartments, Rajpur, you believe that proper waste management is a must in today's times when we need to promote 'Recycling' for optimum utilisation of things/products. Despite ample promotion by civic authorities about segregation of waste into 'recyclable' and 'non recyclable' waste the garbage collectors in your areas do not follow the rules.

Write a letter to the MLA of your city, in about 120 words, apprising him of the situation, sharing the importance of waste segregation and requesting him to take strict action against erring personnel. **1 × 5 = 5**

OR

- (B) As Anushri Jain, a resident of 52, Mount view Apartments, Abadpur, you are distressed with frequent long power cuts in your society. Despite several request letters to the concerned authority, the problem still persists. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words highlighting the inconvenience faced by the residents of the locality and offering solutions.
 5. (A) A climate change impact on agriculture is a point of concern. It affects all three aspects of food security: **1 × 5 = 5**
 Availability, Access and Absorption. Different crops react to climate change in different ways. The chart given below highlights the impact of climate change on various crops. Based on the given data, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the impact of climate change on various crops and discussing possible causes.



OR

(B) Students' dropping out of school is a universal fact. However, reasons for dropping out vary

from country to country. According to a study conducted by an NGO, students gave various reasons for dropping out of school. Based on the figures given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing and assessing the reasons.

Reasons for Dropping Out of School

Students who considered dropping out of high school gave these reasons for considering this option:

- I didn't like the school ... 73%
- I didn't like the teachers ... 61%
- I didn't see value in the work I was being asked to do ... 60%
- I had family issues ... 42%
- I need to work for money ... 35%
- I was bullied ... 28%
- The work was too difficult ... 54%
- The work was too easy ... 19%

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

8. (iv) The baker and his family never starved. Elaborate. (Glimpses of India) 3
- (v) Ogden Nash's 'The Tale of Custard The Dragon' is a humorous ballad – a song or a poem that tells a story. Justify. 3

Outside Delhi Set-3

1/4/3

Note: Except the following all other Questions are from Outside Delhi Set-1 & 2

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 MARKS

Grammar

3. Complete any ten of the following twelve tasks, as directed: 10 × 1=10

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1

We hope that you continue to work with the same zeal and keep _____(surprise) us with such remarkable performances. We thank you and wish you good luck for your upcoming projects.

Regards

(ii) Read the given sentence from a medical journal. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: 1

A flu vaccine's most common side effects are soreness, redness and swelling at the injection site. These ought begin six to twelve hours after vaccination and can last upto two days. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(iii) Tanu and Amit had a conversation about the execution of Tanu's travel plan. 1

Report Amit's question.

Will you be going with your family?

(iv) Read the dialogue between Karan and his friend, Parvaiz regarding Karan's winter vacation plans: 1

Karan: How is your winter vacation plan shaping up?

Parvaiz: Alas ! There are no plans. We have extra classes during our winter vacation.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Karan asked Parvaiz how his winter vacation plan was shaping up.

Parvaiz sighed and said there were no plans. He further added that _____ .

(A) they had extra classes during our winter vacation

(B) he has extra classes during their winter vacations

(C) they had extra classes during their winter vacation

(D) they have extra classes during their winter vacation

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line from the policy document of an insurance company: 1

It is our endeavour to settle your maturity claim on or before the due date. The Servicing Branch _____ (likely/ usually/ occasionally) sends maturity claim intimations two months in advance.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given part of the note appearing on an educational website. **1**

Please note: An early and active communication is required as late notification may result in a delay redressal of your request.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report on Water Conservation.

Excess pumping of groundwater leads to decrease in groundwater levels but if continues, it can exhaust the resource. **1**

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	leads	lead
B	continues	continued
C	and	also
D	can	should

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank, with the correct option: **1**

Finally, she went to the best doctor in town. The doctor spent months on _____ her until she was finally cured.

- (A) treats (B) treated
(C) to treating (D) treating

- (ix) Report the dialogue between two friends, Madhur and Priyanka, by completing the sentence: **1**

Madhur: Do you know the importance of water for our body?

Priyanka: Yes, indeed ! Water is essential for digestion and regulates body temperature.

Madhur asked Priyanka if she knew about the importance of water for their body. Priyanka answered in the affirmative and explained that_____.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the "All Rights Reserved" note given in a textbook. **1**

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- (A) who will be doing any unauthorised act
(B) who is doing any unauthorised act
(C) who does any unauthorised act
(D) who may do any unauthorised act
(xi) Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option: **1**

There's No place Like Earth To Live and Work.
So Let's _____ A Better Place.

- (A) Making It (B) Creates It
(C) Make It (D) Create It
(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence taken from a copyright's document. **1**

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Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

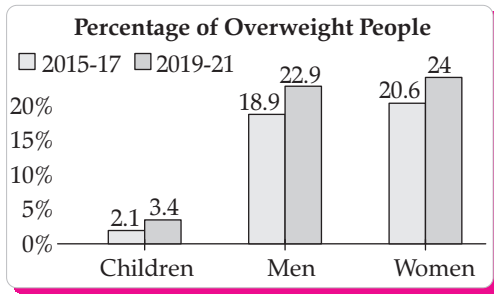
4. (A) As Sharman Singh of 776, Hemkunt Apartments, Arampur, you believe that as a law abiding citizen who pays regular taxes you deserve regular supply of clean drinking water in your house. However, your locality is facing acute shortage as supply is often disrupted without notice causing problems to the residents.

Write a letter to the Director of Jal Board of your city area, in about 120 words, apprising him of the situation; sharing the need for regular supply of clean water and requesting him to take necessary action to improve the situation.

1 × 5 = 5

OR

- (B) As Sonam Mehta, a resident of 14, Sunrise Apartment, Udaipur, you are distressed about the misuse and poor maintenance of the public park in your society. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words, highlighting the condition, mentioning the inconvenience faced by the residents of the locality. Share the importance of public parks and suggest measures for its proper upkeep.
5. (A) Cases of obesity, are on the rise. Experts fear a health emergency unless the growing obesity problem is tackled on a war footing. We can say that we are in an obesity epidemic in India. Based on the graph given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the percentage of overweight Indians and suggest possible solutions. **1 × 5 = 5**



OR

- (B) Life expectancy is defined as the average number of additional years a person could expect to live if current mortality trends were to continue for the rest of that person's life. It is a standard indicator for the level of socio-economic development. Based on the data given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the projected life expectancy of men and women over a period of time and assessing the possible causes.

Projected Life Expectancy 2001–2015

Year	Age of Men	Age of Women
2001–2005	63.8	66.1
2006–2010	65.8	68.1
2011–2015	67.3	69.8
2016–2020	68.8	71.1
2021–2025	69.8	72.3

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

8. (iv) The most laid back individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure. Elaborate with reference to Coorg. [3]
(*Glimpses of India*)
- (v) Bring out the central idea of the poem, 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'. [3]



ANSWERS

Delhi Set-1

2/1/1

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS

1. (i) Based on the passage:

- (a) UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development to highlight the richness of the world's cultures and the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

- (b) The purpose is also to emphasise the importance of cultural diversity in economic growth, social cohesion and personal well-being, especially in times of crisis.

(ii) Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: "The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource, or personal well-being in times of crisis."

- (iii) The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be achieved by leveraging the creative potential of diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

- (iv) The tone of the writer in the given line is affirmative and appreciative. The writer emphasises the value of cultural diversity as an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and sustainable development.

(v) Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: The phrase 'bridging the gap' in paragraph (4) refers to: (D) filling in the space between two connected things.

(vi) Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Intellectual and moral; reduction and promotion.

- (vii) The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted **the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development.**

- (viii) **Bridging the cultural gap** is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

2. (i) Based on the reading of the extract, two objectives of NEP 2020 are:

- (a) To ensure that by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education.

- (b) To integrate skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner, beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school.

- (ii) The statement "The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities"

is an (opinion) because it is a (judgement) (subjective opinion).

(iii) Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement "According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education." is (C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

- (iv) The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be **the efficient utilisation of resources and expertise, as it allows other schools to use the facility.**

- (v) Racism: condemn:: **Dignity of labour:** respect

- (vi) As per the Global Scenario, South Korea has the maximum percentage of students in Skill Education. The possible reason could be the strong emphasis on vocational training and skill development in South Korea's education system.

(vii) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: As per NEP 2020, skill exposure will begin at (A) middle and secondary school.

- (viii) Justify the statement: "The NEP will create an awareness and appreciation of Indian arts and artisanship."

The NEP 2020 emphasizes integrating skill education into mainstream education, which includes exposure to various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship. This integration will foster an appreciation for Indian cultural heritage and promote vocational skills associated with it.

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. (i) explains

(ii)	Error	Correction
	interestinly	interesting

- (iii) Rashi asked Ratul what challenges he had faced while volunteering.

(iv) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that **he had been overloaded with assignments**, which had limited his recent visits to the library.

- (v) it

(vi)	Error	Correction
	offers	offer

(vii) Option (C) is correct.

Error	Correction
younger	youth

(viii) feeling

(ix) The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that he had just got a new haircut.

(x) Option (D) is correct.

Explantion: Present perfect tense rules to be applied as the action ended just now.

(xi) reflect

Error	Correction
in	to

4. (A) B-108, Krishi Apartments

Delhi

February 27, 2024

The Commissioner

Traffic Police Department

Delhi

Subject: Urgent Need for Stricter Action Against Reckless Driving

Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my deep concern over the alarming increase in fatal accidents due to reckless driving and road rage in our city. The recent reports in the newspaper highlighting these incidents are indeed distressing and call for immediate action.

It is evident that stricter measures need to be implemented to curb this menace and ensure the safety of all road users. I would like to suggest that the Traffic Police Department intensify its efforts to enforce traffic rules and regulations. Additionally, there is a pressing need for increased patrolling and stringent penalties for offenders.

Furthermore, I recommend the use of social media platforms to launch awareness campaigns about the implications of irresponsible driving. By leveraging the power of social media, we can reach a wider audience and educate them about the importance of safe driving practices.

I urge the Traffic Police Department to take proactive steps to address this issue and make our roads safer for everyone. Together, we can make a significant difference in reducing road accidents and saving precious lives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Shantanu/Savita

OR

(B) B-108, Krishi Apartments

Delhi

February 27, 2024

The Editor

HT Media

Delhi

Subject: Encouraging Participation of School Children in Community Service Programmes

Sir

I am writing to share the inspiring story of Adarsh Vidyalaya students' participation in the recent half marathon sponsored by leading communication company 'Savera' to raise funds for 'Koshish' orphanage. As the school captain, I had the privilege of leading a batch of hundred enthusiastic students in this noble initiative.

It was heartening to witness the overwhelming response from our students, who embraced the opportunity to contribute to the community through voluntary service. Participating in such programmes not only fosters a sense of social responsibility but also instils valuable life skills such as teamwork, perseverance and empathy.

Furthermore, engaging in community service activities like the half marathon enables students to broaden their horizons, develop a deeper understanding of social issues and cultivate compassion towards the less fortunate members of society.

I strongly believe that encouraging the participation of school children in such programmes is essential for nurturing responsible citizens who are actively involved in making positive contributions to society.

Thank you for highlighting the significance of voluntary community service in your esteemed publication.

Yours sincerely

Roshini/Roshan

School Captain, Adarsh Vidyalaya

5. (A) The life cycle of a butterfly, as depicted in the visual, showcases the remarkable transformation from egg to butterfly. It begins with the egg stage, where the female butterfly lays eggs on a suitable host plant. These eggs hatch into caterpillars, also known as larvae, marking the larval stage. During this phase, the caterpillar feeds voraciously on leaves and grows rapidly. Subsequently, it enters the pupa stage, forming a protective casing around itself called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar undergoes metamorphosis, transforming into a pupa. Finally, the adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis, completing the cycle. This metamorphic process highlights the incredible adaptability and resilience of butterflies, enabling them to undergo dramatic physical changes and adapt to diverse environments throughout their life cycle. Additionally, it underscores the importance of conservation efforts to preserve butterfly habitats and ensure the continuation of this fascinating natural phenomenon.

OR

- (B) The table provides insights into the hobbies chosen by boys and girls during summer vacations. It is evident that there are notable differences in the preferences of boys and girls when it comes to hobbies. Boys show a higher inclination towards hobbies such as photography (35%) and playing (30%), while a significantly lower percentage of boys engage in hobbies like singing (7%) and dancing (13%). On the other hand, girls exhibit a strong preference for hobbies like singing (25%) and dancing (40%), with a smaller percentage showing interest in activities such as photography (5%) and playing (16%). These variations in hobby preferences reflect the diverse interests and recreational pursuits of boys and girls during their leisure time.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

6. (A) (i) The narrator feels overwhelmed with a sense of history because he witnesses the significant transformation of the racial domination system in South Africa, marking the end of an era of injustice and the dawn of a new era of equality and freedom.
- (ii) (B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.
- (iii) Apartheid created a deeply segregated and discriminatory society, where people were categorised and treated differently based on their skin colour. It institutionalised racism, inequality and oppression, leading to widespread human rights violations and suffering among the dark-skinned people of South Africa.
- (iv) The phrase "patched up" could be correctly substituted with "mended" in the given sentence.
- OR
- (B) (i) This suggests that Anne had a special bonding with her grand mother and thus, she didn't even celebrate her birthday, when she was ill.
- (ii) (C) Montessori Nursery School
- (iii) Mrs. Kuperus was Anne's teacher in the sixth form and she was also the headmistress. Anne shared a close and affectionate relationship with Mrs. Kuperus, as indicated by their tearful farewell at the end of the year.
- (iv) The word "heartrending" could substitute "heartbreaking" in the given sentence.
7. (A) (i) One point of contrast between the tiger in the zoo and its natural habitat is the confinement and restriction of movement in the zoo compared to the freedom and expansiveness of its natural habitat.
- (ii) The speaker suggests that the tiger should be snarling around houses at the jungle's edge to emphasise the unnatural and restricted environment of the zoo compared to the tiger's

natural behaviour of hunting and roaming freely in the jungle.

- (iii) The poet's skilful use of imagery effectively depicts the confinement and frustration of the tiger by contrasting its vivid stripes with the dullness of the cage and its quiet rage with the natural behaviours it should be exhibiting in the wild, creating a poignant portrayal of captivity.
- (iv) The phrase "inner turmoil" would correctly substitute 'quiet rage' in the given sentence.

OR

- (B) (i) Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Sympathetic, understanding the depth of the boy's loss.

- (ii) The use of metaphor in the extract enhances the emotional depth of the poem by comparing the loss of the boy's ball to a profound existential realisation about the transient nature of possessions and the importance of personal responsibility.
- (iii) The phrase 'all his young days into the harbour' symbolises the boy's innocence and carefree childhood being shattered by the loss of his ball, leading him to confront the harsh realities of life and learn the value of responsibility.
- (iv) The boy's journey from 'shaking grief' to 'he is learning' reflects his transition from initial despair and sorrow over the lost ball to a realisation about the impermanence of material possessions and the importance of personal growth and maturity in navigating life's challenges.
8. (i) Initially, the mood of the poet in the poem 'Dust of Snow' is sombre and melancholic. The poet uses images of snow falling on a crow and a hemlock tree to bring about the effect of gloom and despair.
- (ii) Positivity can indeed bring a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances by fostering resilience, hope and determination to overcome challenges. Maintaining a positive outlook can empower individuals to find silver linings and opportunities for growth amidst adversity.
- (iii) Custard, the dragon, looks fearsome due to his size, sharp claws and fiery breath. His imposing presence and mythical characteristics instil fear and awe in those who encounter him.
- (iv) The speaker mentions God in the poem "For Anne Gregory" to emphasise the divine nature of beauty and the transcendental qualities of Anne's appearance, highlighting her ethereal and otherworldly allure.
- (v) The Buddha wants us to understand that this world is full of sufferings, death and decay. Death spares none. Death is the ultimate truth of life. Everything that is born today will die sooner or later. Whether rich or poor, whether powerful or weak, death is common to all.

9. (i) Griffin, from "Footprints Without Feet," embodies the antithesis to the idea of scientists contributing to making the world a better place. He misuses his scientific knowledge for personal gain and power, causing chaos and destruction instead of using it for the betterment of humanity.
- (ii) Bholi's teacher felt like an artist admiring her masterpiece because Bholi's transformation from a shy, introverted girl to a confident, expressive one was akin to an artist's creation. The teacher's guidance and efforts in nurturing Bholi's personality resulted in this remarkable change, akin to an artist sculpting a masterpiece.
- (iii) In "The Necklace," the twist at the end of the story is that the expensive necklace borrowed by Mathilde Loisel, assuming it to be valuable, turns out to be fake. After years of hard work to repay the debt incurred to replace the necklace, Mathilde learns that the necklace was worthless, revealing the irony of her suffering due to her desire for material wealth.
10. (i) Childhood memories remind us of the days gone by, filled with innocence and joy. In "A Baker from Goa," the narrator reminisces about his carefree days in Goa, surrounded by loving family and friends. Similarly, Nelson Mandela's childhood, as portrayed in "Long Walk to Freedom," reflects a stark contrast, marked by struggle and adversity under apartheid in South Africa. While the narrator of "A Baker from Goa" cherishes simple pleasures, Mandela's childhood was characterised by the fight against racial

injustice. Despite their differing experiences, both narratives evoke nostalgia for childhood innocence amid challenging circumstances.

- (ii) Anne Frank and Amanda, from the poem "Amanda," may engage in a thought-provoking conversation about their perspectives on life. Anne, known for her introspective nature, may discuss the complexities of human emotions and the importance of resilience in the face of adversity. On the other hand, Amanda, living in her fantasy world, may emphasise the power of imagination and the pursuit of dreams. Through their dialogue, they could explore the nuances of reality and fantasy, finding common ground in their shared experiences as teenagers navigating the complexities of life.
11. (i) The lady in red in "A Question of Trust" outsmarts Horace Danby by robbing the safe without leaving fingerprints using meticulous planning and skill. She wears gloves, wipes down surfaces and employs techniques to avoid detection, showcasing her cunning and expertise in theft. Despite Danby's careful measures, the lady in red demonstrates superior cunning and skill in executing the heist flawlessly.
- (ii) Anil had realised that he had been robbed. He knew this probably because all the notes were wet and damp from the rain. However, he did not say anything to the thief and behaved normally. He gave a fifty-rupee-note to Hari Singh the next morning and he promised to give him more money, though he did not have any contract for giving any money.

Delhi Set-2

2/1/2

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. (i) organise
Explanation: with modals first form of verb is used.
- (ii)
- | Error | Correction |
|--------|------------|
| turned | turn |
- Explanation:* didn't is already in past form so we use first form with it.
- (iii) it was always nice to be back there.
Explanation: We use past tense to report a simple present tense.
- (iv) **Option (C) is correct.**
Positive impact they could make in people's lives
Explanation: We use past tense to report a modal verb.
- (v) it
Explanation: These refers to plural noun and that refers to singular noun that is far from it.

(vi)	Error	Correction
	specialises	specialise

Explanation: We is plural and with plural subject verb must also be plural.

(vii) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explanation:

Error	Correction
learns	learn

Explanation: With to we use first form of the verb.

(viii) **Option (A) is correct.**

Explanation: Must shows necessity.

(ix) he had been very occupied with work that week.

Explanation: We use past perfect tense to report a present perfect tense.

(x) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: The sentence is in past tense.

(xi) **Option (A) is correct.**

Explanation: With plural subject verb must also be plural.

(xii)	Error	Correction
	of	between

Explanation: Between is used when two things relation is mentioned.

4. (A) 43-B, Blue Apartments

Prashant Lok

New Delhi

February 26, 2024

The Principal

Excellent cooking

Block-D, Mahesh Enclave

New Delhi

Subject: Inquiry about the course

Sir

I am writing to inquire about the upcoming three-week summer course offered at your Institute. As a prospective student who has just passed class X, I am interested in expanding my knowledge and skills in the baking sector. I would greatly appreciate some additional information about the structure, course duration, fees and timings of the program.

Could you kindly provide details regarding the following aspects of the course:

- An overview of the topics covered and the curriculum structure for the three-week duration.
- Start and end dates of the course, as well as the daily schedule.
- Information regarding the course fees, any additional expenses and available payment options.
- The timing of the classes, including any flexibility in scheduling.
- The scope of on job trainings or intership.

Furthermore, if there are any prerequisites or specific requirements for enrollment in the course, please do let me know.

I am eager to enhance my knowledge in the field of baking and I believe that the three-week summer course at Excellent Cooking Institute would be an excellent opportunity to do so. Your assistance in providing the requested information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering my inquiry. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Soumya/Soham

OR

(B) Eric India pvt. Ltd.

Saman Chowk

Noida

February 26, 2024

The Manager

M/S Lifeway India Company

Delhi

Subject: Placing Order For Furniture

Sir

Through this letter of mine I wish to thank you and appreciate your prompt response to my inquiry regarding the furniture options available at Lifeway India Company. After careful consideration, I am interested in placing an order for office furniture to furnish our workspace.

Please find the details of the items we would like to order:

S.No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Chairs	50
2.	Tables	50
3.	Sofa set (5 seater)	5
4.	Office tables	10

Upon receiving of this letter, we humbly request an official order confirmation along with an invoice outlining the details of our order for our records. We require furniture of high-quality material and craftsmanship to ensure durability and comfort for our office environment. We intend to make the payment through bank transfer as per the terms agreed upon in your quotation.

We trust in Lifeway India Company's reputation for delivering quality furniture products and excellent customer service. We look forward to receiving our order and establishing a fruitful business relationship with your esteemed company. We request confirmation of the estimated delivery schedule for the ordered furniture items to facilitate proper planning on our end.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Punit/Punita

5. (A) The increasing number of gyms being opened and the concurrent rise in the number of members joining reflect a growing awareness and prioritisation of fitness and wellness in society. This trend is driven by several factors, including a greater emphasis on health-conscious lifestyles, increased disposable income allowing for spending on fitness-related services and the growing influence of social media promoting fitness culture. Additionally, the proliferation of fitness-related information and resources, coupled with the convenience and accessibility of modern gym facilities, has made it easier for individuals to engage in regular exercise routines. However, during the last few years, i.e., 2020 onwards there has been a shift in the number of gyms and membership. The reasons could be the pandemic. The surge in gym memberships also signifies a shift towards proactive healthcare, with people recognising the importance of preventive measures in maintaining overall well-being. However, this trend also highlights the need for gyms to

continuously innovate and offer value-added services to retain members amidst growing competition in the fitness industry.

OR

- (B) The variation in students' performance across different subjects in Term 1 and Term 2 exams can be attributed to various factors. Students often exhibit diverse strengths and weaknesses in subjects that demand distinct skill sets. In the case of languages like English and Hindi, individual proficiency, reading habits and language comprehension greatly influence scores. As per the data shared, the average performance of students in English and Hindi is low as compared to other subjects. Meanwhile, subjects like Mathematics and Science require logical reasoning and analytical skills and variations may stem from differences in problem-solving abilities. Social Science (SST) involves memorisation, conceptual understanding and application of historical

and geographical knowledge, contributing to variations. Additionally, teaching methodologies, engagement levels and personal interests can impact performance. Continuous assessment and targeted interventions can help identify and address specific challenges, ensuring a more balanced and holistic academic development for students across all subjects.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

9. (iii) Madame Loisel was shocked to know that the necklace that she and her husband had replaced with an expensive necklace, and for which they had borrowed a huge amount of money was actually a low-priced imitation necklace. It had taken ten ten years to pay off debt and had demanded hard work as well.

Delhi Set-3

2/1/2

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. (i) You will find in this email a brochure that **presents** the various tourist attractions in our city, aimed at boosting local tourism.

(ii)	Error	Correction
	don't	doesn't

- (iii) he couldn't resist her delicious food.

- (iv) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explanation: Raashi asked Ratul whether he encourages others to volunteer.

- (v) Attached are the departmental performance reports and **these** should be reviewed by each department head.

(vi)	Error	Correction
	pay	pays

- (vii) **Option (C) is correct.**

	Error	Correction
	reducing	reduce

Explanation: Singular object should have plural verb.

- (viii) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: The chance to mentor a group of underprivileged students helped me to **understand** the educational disparities in our society.

- (ix) The vendor asked his customer if he was feeling okay. The customer responded positively saying that **he was doing much better** than before.

- (x) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: In a miraculous turn of events,

the Sunview School hockey team **lifted** the championship trophy.

- (xi) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explanation: In the night, the stars **shine** your dreams, The moonlight guides your course, The cool breeze whispers your name, Leading you towards a new dawn.

Singular object should have plural verb.

(xii)	Error	Correction
	of	between

4. (A) 45-B, Bellaview Nagar

Delhi

February 27, 2024

The Director

Foreign Language Institute

Mohan Circle

Delhi

Subject: Enquiry about French Language Course
Sir/Madam

Through this letter of mine, I wish to inquire about the French language courses offered by your esteemed institution, La-France Institute. As someone keen on expanding my linguistic horizons, I am particularly interested in the details regarding eligibility, course duration, medium of instruction, examination cycle and any other relevant information.

Could you please provide me with information regarding the eligibility criteria for enrolling in the French language courses. Additionally, I would appreciate details about the duration of different courses offered, the medium of instruction and the frequency of examinations. Your prompt response to this inquiry would greatly assist me in making an informed decision about pursuing French language studies at your

institute. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely
Amita Sharma

OR

(B) Sunshine Society

Delhi
February 27, 2024
The Editor
HT media
Delhi

Subject: Appreciation for the Weekend Carnival Fundraiser

Sir

Through this letter of mine, I wish to draw your attention towards the weekend carnival organised by the residents of Sunshine Society to raise funds for 'Apeksha,' a home for the physically challenged.

The efforts put forth by the residents in organizing the carnival and creating all items for sale themselves truly exemplifies the spirit of community and compassion. It is heartwarming to witness such dedication and selflessness towards supporting a noble cause.

This event not only served as a platform to raise funds but also fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie among the residents. It is a shining example of how citizens can come together to make a positive impact on their community.

I urge fellow citizens to follow the example set by the residents of Sunshine Society and actively participate in community initiatives, volunteer their time and extend help in any way possible. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive society for everyone.

Once again, I commend the residents of Sunshine Society for their initiative and dedication towards making a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you for considering my letter for publication.

Yours sincerely

Adil Kumar
(President
Sunshine Society)

5. (A) The given data presents a clear distinction in how boys and girls allocate their free time activities. While both genders engage in similar hobbies such as reading books and comics, watching movies and songs and talking to friends, there are notable differences in other pursuits. Girls demonstrate a higher inclination towards social interaction, with a significant percentage dedicating their time to conversing with friends, which is noticeably higher as compared to boys. Conversely, boys tend to allocate more time to activities requiring physical engagement,

such as watching sports and playing outdoor and indoor games. These findings suggest that socialising plays a more prominent role in girls' leisure time preferences, whereas boys are more inclined towards activities emphasising physicality and competition. Understanding these distinctions can help tailor recreational opportunities and initiatives to better cater to the preferences of teenagers based on gender.

OR

- (B) The excerpt from the recent article highlights a concerning trend in our society – the steady rise of obesity among school children. This issue is multifaceted, with various factors contributing to its prevalence. Notably, the consumption of food with high glycaemic index, altered sleep patterns, reduced physical activity and increased screen time have all been identified as significant contributors to childhood obesity. These findings underscore the importance of adopting healthier lifestyle habits both at home and in school environment. As students, it's crucial for us to be mindful of our dietary choices, prioritise regular physical activity and limit screen time to ensure our overall well-being. Additionally, schools and policymakers must collaborate to implement effective strategies to address this emerging public health concern and promote healthier living among children.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

9. (iii) In "The Making of a Scientist," Dr. Urquhart and Mr. Weiherer both played crucial roles in Richard Ebright's life as mentors who recognised his potential and provided support and guidance. One commonality between their roles is their influence in shaping Ebright's academic and scientific pursuits.

For instance, Dr. Urquhart, a high school science teacher, recognised Ebright's talent and encouraged him to pursue scientific research. He provided Ebright with opportunities to conduct experiments and guided him in developing his scientific skills. Similarly, Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Chemistry teacher, also recognised his abilities and supported his academic interests by providing challenging coursework and encouraging him to participate in science competitions.

Both mentors played pivotal roles in fostering Ebright's passion for science and nurturing his talent, ultimately setting him on the path to become a successful scientist. Their guidance and encouragement demonstrate the importance of mentorship in shaping the academic and professional trajectory of aspiring scientists like Richard Ebright.

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS

1. (i) **Option (B) is correct.**
Explanation: Because renewable resources are inexhaustible after continuous use, where as alternative resources are not.
- (ii) The tone of the author is satirical as due to increased demand, more competent energy developers and improved technology, alternative resources which were once expensive have now been used comprehensively. The author wants to comment that people have become so greedy that they don't even use alternative resources wisely which are so expensive to harness.
- (iii) they were not able to use it as the ways to harness it was very expensive.
- (iv) **Option (B) and option (E)**
- (v) The leader of renewable energy pack is wind energy as it serves both individuals and communities.
- (vi) Geothermal energy is generated by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. It can directly heat and cool buildings. Whereas, hydroelectric energy is generated by energy of moving water. It is produced when water in dams causes turbine blades to move.
- (vii) **Option (D) is correct.**
- (viii) **False**
2. (i) In addition to taste it has many good qualities.
- (ii) Fact and objective detail
- (iii) India being the major shareholder in mango production, however exports only meagre amount indicating that there is a need to evolve cheap transportation strategies, increasing trade agreements and enhance the productivity.
- (iv) USA, Kuwait and Bahrain
- (v) That means that rest of its major imports are drawn from other countries.
- (vi) **Option (B) is correct.**
- (vii) In India mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares which counts to 46.02% of world's area and 45.88% of world's total production.
- (viii) **Option (C) is correct.**
Explanation: India is the largest producer of mangoes and by putting in more efforts, has the potential to be the largest exporter too.

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. (i) constructing
Explanation: Because the subject is asking to do something.
- (ii)
- | Error | Correction |
|--------|------------|
| should | can |
- Explanation:* with all of which ,we use is.
- (iii) Manthan asked Sonalika how she was preparing for the interview.

Explanation: we use simple past tense when we report simple present tense.

- (iv) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: We use past continuous tense when we report present continuous tense.

- (v) access

Explanation: With to we use first form of the verb.

Error	Correction
experience	experiencing

Explanation: The sentence talks about predictions of future.

- (vii) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: May talks about possibilities but have suggests surety.

- (viii) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explanation: The sentence is in continuous tense.

- (ix) she had been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Explanation: While reporting present perfect continuous tense, it changes to past perfect continuous tense.

- (x) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explanation: With plural verb have is used.

- (xi) **Option (A) is correct.**

Explanation: The sentence is in present tense and indefinite tense is to be used.

Error	Correction
intentional	intended

Explanation: Intended is used to describe outcomes.

4. (A) 409, Surya Apartments

Gopalpur

February 26, 2024

The MLA

Gopalpur

Delhi

Subject: Urgent Need for Footpaths to Enhance Pedestrian Safety

Sir

I am writing this letter to draw your attention to a critical issue affecting our community – the lack of proper footpaths, posing a significant threat to pedestrian safety. The absence of designated walking areas forces pedestrians onto busy roads, increasing the risk of accidents and injuries.

As our elected representative, I urge you to prioritise the construction and maintenance of footpaths in our constituency. This will not only enhance pedestrian safety but also promote a healthier and more sustainable community. Also, the footpaths already constructed are in damaged condition and need immediate repair.

I humbly request your immediate attention to this matter, as the safety and well-being of our residents are at stake. Your support in addressing this concern

will undoubtedly contribute to create a safer and more pedestrian-friendly environment.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the well-being of our community.

Yours sincerely

Nalini Sharda

OR

- (B) Pinnacle Public School
Delhi

February 26, 2024

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi,

Subject: Introducing a "Cycle to School" Campaign
Sir

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to suggest the initiation of a "Cycle to School" campaign in our community, promoting a sustainable and healthy alternative for students' commute. Encouraging cycling not only contributes to reduced carbon emissions but also fosters physical activity and a sense of responsibility.

Such programmes have been successfully implemented in various regions, earning credibility for promoting a greener lifestyle and enhancing the well-being of students. Introducing a "Cycle to School" campaign would align with our community's commitment to environmental sustainability and the health of our youth. Promoting fitness and a healthy lifestyle is essential for overall well-being.

I urge you to consider highlighting the importance and credibility of such initiatives to inspire community engagement and support.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Sohail Khan

(Sports captain)

5. (A) Water scarcity in the future may be attributed to a convergence of multifaceted factors. Population growth and urbanisation place increased demand on water resources for agriculture, industry, and domestic use. As it can be inferred from the given table that in 1951, when population was 361 million, per capita water availability was quite high as compared to the beginning of the century. Also as predicted in the coming future, it is going to worsen if no steps are taken at large. Climate change exacerbates the situation, leading to altered precipitation patterns, more frequent and severe droughts, and shifts in water availability. In the future, there might not be enough water for everyone to use. There can also be fights between countries over who gets to use certain water sources. To fix this, we need to be wise about how we use water, stop pollution, and work together to share and manage water better.

OR

- (B) The given table depicts various kinds of bottles which are available in the market. As it can be inferred from the table that glass bottles offer several advantages,

including being reusable, recyclable, and non-toxic, making them a safer option for storing beverages. However, they are heavier and more prone to breaking than other materials. The same is the case with silicon bottles.

Stainless steel bottles are durable, lightweight, and resistant to corrosion. They are also non-toxic and can keep beverages hot or cold for extended periods. However, they can be more expensive than other options and may retain odors or flavors over time.

Plastic bottles are lightweight, inexpensive and widely available. However, they are often single-use and contribute to plastic pollution. They may also contain harmful chemicals which can leach into beverages, posing health risks.

In conclusion, each type of bottle has its own set of advantages and disadvantages, and the best choice depends on individual preferences and priorities regarding sustainability, durability and health concerns.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

6. (A) (i) Rajvir was also interested in reading detective stories, but at the moment he was fascinated with the greenery of the place, that he preferred cherishing it rather than reading a novel.

(ii) false

(iii) People who live in metropolitan cities are often devoid of scenic beauty as they live amidst hustle bustle of city life. Whenever they happen to come across natural beauty or scenic beauty, they cherish it. Rajvir is a good example of this statement. He loved reading detective stories but at that moment, he preferred enjoying the scenic beauty reading stories.

(iv) tea-pluckers

OR

- (B) (i) Option (C) is correct.

(ii) Anil trusted Hari Singh completely and also taught him how to cook. When Hari Singh stole money from Anil, his conscience pricked him as he had broken Anil's trust.

(iii) Hari Singh was pretty sure that if he learns to read and write, he could earn more money and may not work as a servant anymore.

(iv) True

7. (A) (i) changing colours/camouflage

(ii) A reptile

(iii) Option (D) is correct

(iv) The poet has used humour in the above lines and explained the character traits of chameleon. These animals are very dangerous, but poetess is introducing them one by one in a very funny way. She further says that the chameleon has a quality of changing its colour as per the colour of its surrounding and surface.

OR

- (B) (i) Personification

(ii) The moon is like a mirror and it appears to have been broken into pieces as the shadow of the oak tree divides the moon into many fragments.

(iii) Option (C) is correct.

(iv) Her head is full of the slow sounds made by the trees which are desperate to move out. These sounds will not be heard the next day. The poet is feeling remorseful as tomorrow everything will be silent.

8. (i) The Post master was astounded by the amount of faith Lencho had in God and wished he had the same. So, in order not to shake the writer's faith, he decided to help him by collecting money from his friends and relatives. He even donated a part of his salary.

(ii) Initially, the young seagull was afraid his wings may not support him to fly. Once he overcame his fear, he felt relaxed and happy to fly in the air. He went to float on the surface of the sea and enjoyed his first flight.

(iii) Amanda yearns to be an orphan so that she can live without any interference from her parents. She wants to roam the streets and make patterns in the soft dust and enjoy her freedom.

(iv) Mijbil was a playful pet. He invented his own games out of ping pong balls. He loved to play and splash in the water. He played with marbles and terrapin shells. He spent most of his time playing with a rubber ball.

(v) The poet has used vivid imagery in describing the pirate. He looked scary with a cutlass bright in his teeth, which means he was holding a glass in his teeth. Also, he had a wooden peg for a leg, which means that his leg was artificial. The poet has described the pirate in a scary manner.

9. (i) Mr. Herriot was tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest as he and his friends enjoyed eggs for breakfast, wine and brandy for lunch. He therefore calls it a happy period.

(ii) Ebright's mother supported him in his education. She took him for excursions, purchased telescopes, cameras and microscopes to help him pursue his hobbies. The 'Travels of Monarch X', a book about monarch butterflies was another gift from her which encouraged Ebright to pursue his hobby.

(iii) The invasion of the Earth by Martians was saved because the Martian commander-in-chief misinterpreted the rhyme "Humpty Dumpty had a great fall". He misunderstood that the earthlings wanted to capture Mars Central Control. He thus ordered the invasion fleet to evacuate the entire planet.

10. (A) One acknowledges that both Valli and Mandela were fearless and determined, however, Valli was a curious girl who spent her time standing at the doorway observing people, and Mandela.

Valli was a meticulous planner and planned her trip accordingly at the age of eight. Her childish innocence veiled by her smart and bold outlook. On the whole she can be described as a curious, joyful, disciplined, smart and bold girl who was quite mature of her age.

Nelson Mandela was a brave and courageous person

who fought against the apartheid system in South Africa. Despite facing several challenges, he never lost his courage and remained steadfast in his fight for equality and justice. He was a man of belief and integrity and had a willingness to never give up.

(b) Good morning everyone, Today I would like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how we can learn to deal with loss. The loss of the ball in the poem leaves the small boy grief stricken as it is his first experience of a loss of a possession. Where as the mother Kisa Gotami also experienced the same feeling when she lost her only child.

The poet who has seen the boy grieving leaves him alone instead of consoling him as he wants him to learn how to take life in its stride and bear the losses bravely. While Budhha made Kisa Gotami learn that loss is inevitable and so should not give a set back to the person. She learns a lesson that death is common to all and no grieving or lamenting can bring back dead to life.

To conclude I would like to say that loss of any type is irreparable. but grieving cannot provide respite. So, one should learn to face all the hurdles bravely.

11. (A) Wednesday 27 February 20XX

10:45 pm

Dear Diary

There is no denying the fact that science contributes to make this world a better place, however I could not use this opportunity for the same. My unbridled ambition made me a lawless and violent person. I didn't show humanity or kindness towards anyone, just because of my ego. None of my actions were for the betterment of humans. I set my landlord's house on fire, attacked a shopkeeper and even fooled Mr. and Mrs. Hall. I even terrified them and stole money from the clergy's house. I now realise that though I am a brilliant scientist, but have a negative bent of mind. I have acted so cruelly number of times. But it is now when my conscience has pricked me.

I feel that if a person does something wrong and realises later, he can always make amends and rectify his mistakes. It is an old saying that kindness pays, rudeness never. Anger can never resolve any problem, rather it aggravates it.

Discoveries of science can be used for the welfare of mankind. I could have also done that. But it is never too late.

Griffin

OR

(B) Matilda was a pretty and young lady born into the family of clerks as an error of destiny. Married to a clerk, she had no means to become known and rich. She always suffered from poverty. She was unhappy with her middle-class life and was always dissatisfied. She thinks that she is a victim of social injustice and irony of fate. She was ungrateful despite her husband's relentless efforts to please her.

One fatal mistake of hers hits her and a tragedy befalls upon her. She is forced to work tirelessly to repay her debt. As she struggles with poverty, her beauty fades away.

Thus, we see that when she faced crucial circumstances, she finds herself face to face with the bitter consequences of her folly. That loss makes her more careful and responsible person. Her grumbling over the poor lot of her husband gives

way to respect and gratitude for tolerance and generosity. After the loss, she became more mature and humbler. This change in her character is a result of her circumstances and problems she faced in life.

Outside Delhi Set-2

Code No. 1/4/2

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3.(i) delivering

Error	Correction
must	can

Explantation: Today, researchers are trying to establish whether yoga can help relieve people from depression and arthritis.

(iii) Akshat asked Swati if the organisers had offered her any discounts.

(iv) **Option (A) is correct.**

Explantation: Since it is conditional question, "if" is used along with past tense of get.

(v) It helps anyone who wants to enter into a contractual relationship with the company to gain knowledge about the company.

Error	Correction
changed	changing

(vii) **Option (C) is correct.**

Error	Correction
are	is

(viii) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explantation: Sentence is in past tense hence past form of begin "Began".

(ix) Deepika **her family had been busy with preparations for the past two months.**

(x) **Option (A) is correct.**

Explantation: The sentence is talking present usage of cookies hence "improve".

(xi) **Option (B) is correct.**

Explantation: Discussing about an already build certain path, hence "lined".

Error	Correction
developments	development

4. (A) 987, Dev Apartments

Rajpur

February 26, 2024

Mr. R Sharma

MLA

Rajpur

Subject: Waste Management in Our Locality.

Sir

I, Komal Gupta, a resident of Dev Apartments in Rajpur, wish to bring to your and notice a pressing issue regarding waste management in our locality.

Despite the commendable efforts of civic authorities to promote waste segregation into 'recyclable' and 'non-recyclable' categories, it is disheartening to observe that the garbage collectors in our area are not adhering to these rules. This negligence is leading to the improper disposal of waste, hindering our efforts towards sustainable living and environmental conservation.

As a responsible citizen, I believe that proper waste management, particularly through recycling, is crucial for optimising resource utilisation and reducing environmental impact. Therefore, I urge you to take strict action against the erring personnel and ensure enforcement of waste segregation policies in our locality.

Your intervention in this matter would greatly contribute to foster a cleaner and greener environment for our community. Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Yours sincerely

Komal Gupta

OR

(B) 52, Mount View Apartment,
Abadpur

February 26, 2024

The Editor

HT Media

Abadpur

Subject: Urgent Attention Needed: Persistent Power Cuts in Abadpur.

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to express my concern regarding the recurring power cuts plaguing our locality. As a resident of 52, Mount View Apartments, Abadpur, I have personally experienced the inconvenience and frustration caused by these prolonged outages.

Despite numerous requests to the concerned authorities, the problem persists unabated, disrupting our daily lives and affecting our productivity. The frequent power cuts not only disrupt essential services but also pose risks to health and safety, especially during hot weather conditions.

I urge the authorities to address this issue urgently and implement measures to ensure a reliable power supply to our area. This could include upgrading

infrastructure, improving maintenance practices and exploring alternative energy sources.

I trust that by highlighting this issue in your esteemed publication, we can garner the attention of the relevant authorities and work towards finding a lasting solution to this pressing problem.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Anushri Jain

- 5.(A) Climate change presents a significant threat to agricultural sustainability, affecting key aspects of food security: availability, access and absorption. The impact of climate change on various crops is diverse and multifaceted. According to the provided data, crops such as rice, wheat, and maize demonstrate negative responses, indicating decreased yields or compromised growth under changing climatic conditions. Conversely, crops like onion and castor show positive reactions, suggesting increased productivity. However, the situation is complex, with many crops experiencing mixed outcomes. For instance, potatoes and groundnuts exhibit both positive and negative impacts, highlighting the unpredictability of climate change effects on agricultural systems. Moreover, marine and freshwater fish face mixed consequences, indicating challenges in maintaining fishery resources. To address these challenges, adaptive strategies such as crop diversification, resilient crop varieties, and sustainable farming practices are crucial. Additionally, investment in research and development is essential to develop innovative solutions for mitigating the adverse effects of climate change on agriculture, ensuring food security for future generations.

OR

- (B) The data provided offers insights into the reasons why students consider dropping out of high school, based on a study conducted by an NGO. It's evident that a large percentage of students, accounting for 73%, feel disheartened by the school environment itself, indicating potential issues with the school's culture or atmosphere. Additionally, a significant 61% express dissatisfaction with the teachers, suggesting that teacher-student relationships might play a crucial role in student retention. Moreover, 60% of

students feel that the work they are asked to do lacks value, highlighting a gap between the curriculum and students' interests or future aspirations. Other reasons such as family issues, the need to work for financial support (35%), and bullying (28%) also contribute to students' contemplation of dropping out. This data emphasises the complexity of factors influencing student retention and underscores the need for comprehensive approaches to address these challenges within education systems.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

- 8.(iv) Despite the challenges and uncertainties that may have arisen, the baker and his family found ways to sustain themselves and thrive. This resilience could stem from the baker's resourcefulness in adapting to changing circumstances, his skill in providing for his family through his trade, or the support network within the community. The phrase implies that even in difficult times, the baker and his family managed to secure their basic needs, suggesting a sense of perseverance and resilience that characterises their way of life.
- (v) Ogden Nash's "The Tale of Custard The Dragon" can be classified as a humorous ballad or poem that tells a story in a narrative structure, use of rhyme and rhythm, and whimsical tone. The poem follows a clear storyline involving characters like Belinda, Custard the dragon, and various other animals. Each stanza progresses the plot, building suspense and humour as Custard's courage is put to the test. The poem's playful language, clever wordplay, and exaggerated descriptions add to its humorous appeal. Additionally, the repetition of certain phrases and the rhyming scheme contribute to its musical quality, making it suitable for recitation or singing. Overall, "The Tale of Custard The Dragon" exhibits all the characteristics of a traditional ballad or narrative poem, albeit with a humorous twist, making it a delightful and entertaining piece of literature.

Outside Delhi Set-3

Code No. 1/4/3

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

- 3.(i) surprising
Explanation: The correct form of the word is "surprising". In this sentence, the word "surprising" is used as a gerund, which acts as the object of the verb "keep". When using a gerund after a verb like "keep", it should be in its "-ing" form. Therefore, the correct form of the word is "surprising".

Error	Correction
ought	may

Explanation: The error in the sentence is the missing word "to" after "ought". The corrected sentence should be: "These ought to begin six to twelve hours after vaccination and can last up to two days."

The word "ought" implies a sense of duty or obligation. However, when used in this context, it should be followed by "to" to indicate the action that is expected or recommended to occur. Therefore, the correction adds the missing "to" to form the correct phrase "ought to".

- (iii) Amit asked Tanu if she would be going with her family.

Explanation: The correct answer effectively converts the direct speech of Amit's question to Tanu into

indirect speech while maintaining the integrity of the original question.

Reporting Verb: "Amit asked" - This part of the sentence introduces who made the statement (Amit) and that it was a question (asked).

Indirect Speech Introduction: "Tanu if she would be going with her family" - This part represents the indirect speech, where "if" is used to introduce the question. "Tanu" is the person being addressed, followed by the rest of the question ("would be going with her family") in the correct tense (future continuous) and maintaining the subject-object relationship.

(iv) **Option (C) is correct.**

Explanation: Indirect Speech: In indirect speech, we report someone's words without directly quoting them. This requires changes to pronouns and tenses for clarity.

Parvaiz's Perspective: Parvaiz used the pronouns "we" and "our," showing he's speaking inclusively of himself and his classmates. This should be maintained in the reported speech.

Past Tense: When reporting speech, we generally shift tenses back by one step. Parvaiz's original statement is in the present tense ("have"), so in the reported speech, it becomes past tense ("had").

(v) usually

Explanation: In this context, the word "usually" implies that it is a common practice or standard procedure for the Servicing Branch to send maturity claim intimations two months in advance. It indicates a typical or customary action, which aligns with the insurance company's policy of settling maturity claims in a timely manner.

Error	Correction
delay	delayed

Explanation: In this phrase, "delayed redressal" accurately conveys that the resolution or addressing of the request will be postponed or held back if there is late notification. Therefore, "delayed redressal" is a suitable option in this context.

(vii) **Option (B) is correct.**

Error	Correction
continues	continued

Explanation: By changing "continues" to "continued," we maintain consistency in the verb tense, ensuring the sentence is grammatically correct and effectively communicates the intended message about the consequences of excess groundwater pumping.

(viii) **Option (D) is correct.**

treating

Explanation: In this sentence, the phrase "until she was finally cured" indicates that the action of treating occurred over a period of time in the past. Therefore, the verb form that matches the past continuous tense is required.

Option (D) "treating" is the gerund form of the verb "treat," which functions as the object of the preposition "on." Using the gerund "treating" here indicates ongoing or continuous action in the past.

(ix) Madhur asked Priyanka if she knew about the importance of water for their body.

Priyanka answered in the affirmative and explained that **water is essential for digestion and regulates body temperature.**

Explanation: In reporting the dialogue between Madhur and Priyanka, it's important to convey the exchange accurately in indirect speech. The correct completion of the sentence maintains the tense and meaning of Priyanka's response while converting it into indirect speech. Therefore, the response "water is essential for digestion and regulates body temperature" appropriately summarizes Priyanka's statement.

(x) **Option (C) is correct.**

who does any unauthorised act

Explanation: The phrase "who does any unauthorized act" indicates a general condition where anyone engaging in unauthorized actions is subject to potential consequences. This aligns with the purpose of the "All Rights Reserved" note, which aims to protect the publication from unauthorized use or reproduction. Option (C) appropriately conveys this meaning and is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence.

(xi) **Option (C) is correct.**

Make it

Explanation: The verb "make" is the correct choice here because it is used to indicate the action of improving or enhancing something, in this case, making the Earth a better place. Option (C) "Make It" is grammatically correct and aligns with the intended meaning of the slogan.

Error	Correction
adaptation	adapting

Explanation: The error lies in the incorrect use of the gerunds "reproducing," "adaptation," and "translation." In this context, they should be nouns, not verbs. Therefore, they should be corrected to "reproduction," "adaptation," and "translation," respectively, to function as nouns indicating actions that are prohibited without prior written permission.

4. (A) 776, Hemkunt Apartments

Arapur

West Bengal

26 February 2024

The Director

Jal Board

Arapur

West Bengal.

Subject: Irregular Water Supply in Hemkunt Apartments.

Dear Sir/Madam

As a law-abiding citizen and regular taxpayer residing at 776, Hemkunt Apartments, Arampur, I am writing to express my deep concern over the acute water shortage plaguing our locality. The supply is erratic and often disrupted without prior notice, causing severe inconvenience to residents.

Clean drinking water is a basic necessity, and its unavailability severely impacts our daily lives. The lack of regular supply forces us to rely on alternative, often unsafe water sources, posing health risks. Furthermore, essential tasks like cooking, sanitation and personal hygiene become a daily struggle.

I urge you to take immediate action to address this issue. Regular and timely water supply is essential for our well-being. Kindly investigate the root cause of the disruption and implement measures to ensure a consistent and clean water supply to our area.

Thank you

Yours sincerely
Sharman Singh

OR

(B) 14, Sunrise Apartment
Udaipur

26 February 2024

The Editor
The Times of India
Udaipur

Subject: Deteriorating Condition of Public Park.

Sir

Through your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw attention to the deplorable state of the public park in our locality. Once a source of joy for residents, it now presents a picture of neglect – broken benches, overflowing garbage, and non-functional play equipment.

This misuse and poor maintenance have rendered the park unusable, depriving residents, particularly children and the elderly, of a safe recreational space. This negatively impacts our community's well-being. Public parks are vital for physical activity, social interaction and mental respite. I urge the concerned authorities to take prompt action. Restoring the park, ensuring regular maintenance and encouraging responsible use through awareness campaigns are crucial steps towards a cleaner, greener and healthier community.

Thank you

Yours sincerely
Sonam Mehta

5.(A) Tackling India's Rising Obesity Rates: A Call to Action

The data paints a grim picture of India's escalating obesity crisis. The sharp increase in overweight children – a staggering 61.9% rise in just a few

years – is a stark warning. This trend, mirrored in the 21.2% and 16.5% increases for men and women respectively, demands immediate intervention.

Solutions must include:

- **Prioritising nutrition education:** Schools and communities must emphasise balanced meals and the dangers of processed foods.
- **Making exercise accessible:** Investment in parks, playgrounds, and sports programmes is vital to encourage active lifestyles from a young age.
- **Policy-level changes:** These could include regulating food marketing, especially towards children, and making healthy options more affordable. Without urgent action, India's obesity epidemic risks severe consequences for public health and the nation's future well-being.

OR

(B) Analyzing Increasing Life Expectancy Trends

The data shows a positive trend in life expectancy for both men and women over the period 2001-2025. Men's life expectancy increased from 63.8 years in 2001-2005 to 69.8 years in 2021-2025, representing a 9.4% increase. Similarly, women's life expectancy increased from 66.1 years to 72.3 years, representing a 9.38% increase.

Possible causes for this enhancement could include:

- **Improved healthcare:** Advancements in medical technology, increased access to healthcare, and the development of new drugs and treatments have all likely contributed to longer lifespans.
- **Better living standards:** Improved nutrition, better housing, and safer working conditions have all likely played a role in increased life expectancy.
- **Increased awareness of healthy habits:** There has been a growing focus on healthy lifestyles in recent decades, with more people being aware of the importance of factors such as diet, exercise, and not smoking.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

- 8.(iv) Coorg, with its wealth of natural beauty and thrilling outdoor activities, has the power to transform even the most relaxed individuals into adventure seekers. The region offers experiences like river rafting, rock climbing, and trekking, which can awaken a sense of exhilaration and challenge that contrasts with a laid-back lifestyle. This transformative power is evident in the "Glimpses of India" account of Coorg.
- (v) The central idea in "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" is that bravery and heroism aren't always found in those who boast the loudest. Even someone who seems cowardly, like Custard, can possess hidden strength and courage when the situation demands it.

