

Self Assessment Paper

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

1. This paper is divided into two parts A and B.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed **word limit** while answering the questions.

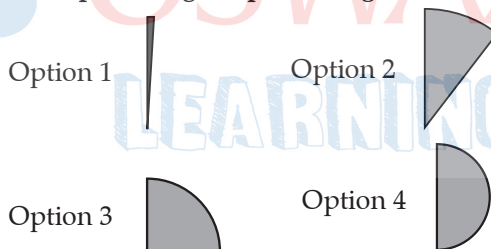
Part-A (40 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

1. The effects of plastic bags on the environment are really quite devastating. Needless deaths from plastic bags are increasing every year. While there are many objections to the banning of plastic bags based solely on their convenience, the damage to the environment needs to be assessed too.
2. The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off by the rate of plastic bags finding their way into the mouths and intestinal tracts of sea mammals. As one species begins to die off at an abnormal rate, every other living organism in the waterways is also impacted.
3. The indefinite period of time that it takes for the average plastic bag to break down can be literally hundreds of years. Every bag that ends up in the woodlands of the country threatens the natural progression of wildlife. Because the breakdown rate is so slow the chances that the bag will harmlessly go away are extremely slim. Throughout the world, plastic bags are responsible for the suffocation deaths of woodland animals as well as for inhibiting soil nutrients. The land litter that is made up of plastic bags has the potential to kill over and over again. It has been estimated that one bag has the potential to unintentionally kill one animal every three months due to unintentional digestion or inhalation.
4. While it's a noble thought to place the plastic bags in the recycling bin every week, studies have proven that there are very few recycling plants that actually recycle them. Most municipalities either burn them or send them off to the landfill after sorting. This is because it can be expensive to recycle this type of plastic. It doesn't melt down easily and is often not fit to be reused in its original form.
5. The premise of recycling these bags is nice. Yet funding for the upgrading of the recycling units just has not happened and thus less than 1% of all bags are sent to recycling plants worldwide. Most are left to become a pollution problem in one way or another.
6. There are always alternatives to plastic bags and the search for better and more alternatives continues. Paper bags are a possible option, but they also take their toll on the environment. The use of trees to increase the production of paper products will also have a negative environmental effect.
7. Reusable plastic bags are being introduced to regions that want to outlaw the plastic bags altogether. These are stronger, more durable and can be used for three to five trips to the store. Of course, the reusable cloth bag is fast becoming a favourite among the environmental supporters. While so far, no bag is without its issues; these are the bags that are currently recommended for use to help protect environmental concerns.

Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option: (1×10=10)

- (1) People object to the banning of plastic bags because they are:
 - (i) Durable
 - (ii) Convenient
 - (iii) Easily disposable
 - (iv) Useful
- (2) The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off because:
 - (i) the amount of plastic bags is decreasing the water level.
 - (ii) the breaking rate of these bags is slow.
 - (iii) many species of sea mammals are dying.
 - (iv) there are 300 million plastic bags lying in Atlantic Ocean.
- (3) What do most municipalities do to the plastic bags?
 - (i) Send them off to the landfill
 - (ii) Recycle them
 - (iii) Clean and send them for reuse
 - (iv) Leave them undestroyed
- (4) The best option to replace plastic bags is:
 - (i) Paper bags
 - (ii) Reusable plastic bags
 - (iii) Cloth bags
 - (iv) All of these
- (5) What is the first step to solve the problem of plastic waste?
 - (i) Reuse
 - (ii) Replace
 - (iii) Recycle
 - (iv) All of these
- (6) Why are paper bags not a good alternative of plastic bags?
 - (i) They are durable.
 - (ii) They cannot be recycled.
 - (iii) Trees are cut to make them.
 - (iv) They are usable.
- (7) What percentage of plastic bags are sent to recycling plants worldwide?

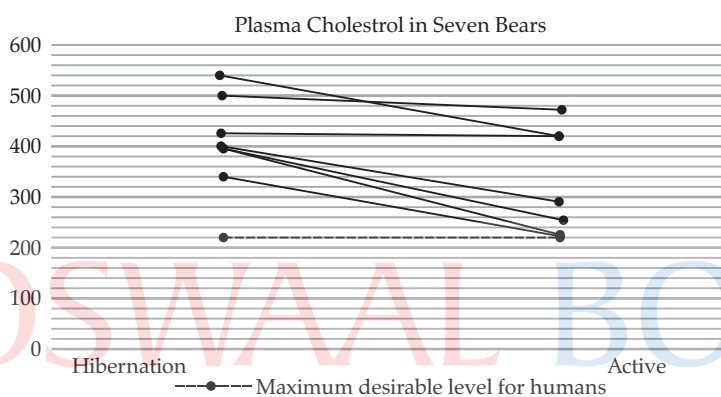


- (8) Which of these are true for single use plastic bags?
 - (i) They are expensive to recycle.
 - (ii) They cannot be melted easily.
 - (iii) They are fit for only a single use.
 - (iv) All of these
- (9) Pick out the word or phrase from the passage which means the same as 'endless' (used in Para 3).
 - (i) Indefinite
 - (ii) Progression
 - (iii) Suffocation
 - (iv) Unintentional
- (10) What does the word 'outlaw' (Para 7) mean in the passage?
 - (i) Illegal
 - (ii) Ban
 - (iii) Apply
 - (iv) Reuse
- (11) The noun form of 'introduced' is:
 - (i) Introduce
 - (ii) Introducing
 - (iii) Introduction
 - (iv) Introducingly

2. Read the passage given below:

1. Understanding how hibernators, including ground squirrels, marmots and bears, survive their long winter's naps may one day offer solutions for problems such as heart disease, osteoporosis and muscular dystrophy.
2. Nearly everything about the way an animal's body works changes when it hibernates and preparations start weeks or months in advance. The first order of business is to fatten up.

3. "Fat is where it's at for a hibernator," says Matthew Andrews, a molecular biologist at the University of Minnesota Duluth who studies 13-lined ground squirrels. "You bring your own lunch with you". Packing lunch is necessary because the animals go on the world's strictest diet during the winter, surviving entirely off their white fat. "They have their last supper in October; they don't eat again until March," Andrews says.
4. Recent analyses revealed that Scandinavian brown bears spend the summer with plasma cholesterol levels considered high for humans; those values then increase substantially for hibernation, Frobert and his colleagues reported. These "very, very fat" bears with high cholesterol also get zero exercise during hibernation. Lolling about in the den pinches off blood vessels, contributing to sluggish circulation. "That cocktail would not be advisable in humans," Frobert says. It's a recipe for hardened arteries, putting people at risk for heart attacks and strokes.
5. Even healthy young adult humans can develop fatty streaks in their arteries that make the blood vessels less flexible, but the bears don't build up such artery-hardening streaks. "Our bears, they had nothing," Frobert says. It's not yet clear how the bears keep their arteries flexible, but Fröbert hopes to find some protective molecule that could stave off hardened arteries in humans as well.



Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option: (1 × 10 = 10)

- (1) Study of hibernators are likely to offer solutions for problems like
 - (i) Osteoporosis
 - (ii) Heart disease
 - (iii) Muscular dystrophy
 - (iv) All of these
- (2) What do marmots do in winters?
 - (i) Eat a lot of food
 - (ii) Take long naps
 - (iii) Hunt lot of insects
 - (iv) Take long baths
- (3) Who is Matthew Andrews?
 - (i) A scientist
 - (ii) An astronomer
 - (iii) A molecular biologist
 - (iv) A research analyst
- (4) How do animals survive during winters?
 - (i) Off their white fat
 - (ii) Hunting small animals
 - (iii) Eating plant leaves and fruits
 - (iv) Eating packed lunch
- (5) What type of brown bears spend summer with plasma cholesterol levels?
 - (i) American
 - (ii) Asian
 - (iii) Armenian
 - (iv) Scandinavian
- (6) How much exercise is done by animals during hibernation?
 - (i) Zero
 - (ii) Less than average
 - (iii) Regular
 - (iv) More than average
- (7) What is the maximum desirable level of cholesterol for human beings?
 - (i) 0
 - (ii) 200
 - (iii) 232
 - (iv) 356

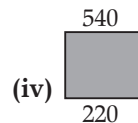
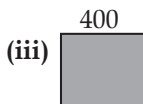
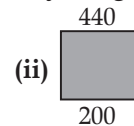
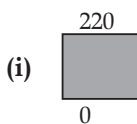
(8) On how many bears was the survey conducted?

- (i) One (ii) Two
(iii) Seven (iv) Eleven

(9) Which statement about the effect of hibernation on the bears is best supported by the graph?

- (i) Only one of the bears did not experience an appreciable change in its total plasma cholesterol level.
(ii) Only one of the bears experienced a significant increase in its total plasma cholesterol level.
(iii) All of the bears achieved the desirable plasma cholesterol level for humans.
(iv) The bear with the lowest total plasma cholesterol level in its active state had the highest total plasma cholesterol level during hibernation.

(10) What is the range of the cholesterol level as indicated by the graph?



(11) Pick out the word or phrase from the passage which means opposite to 'end'.

- (i) Start (ii) Begin
(iii) Enter (iv) Initiate

3. Read the extract carefully and choose the correct option from the questions that follow. (Any Two)

(a) I started for school very late that morning and was in great dread of a scolding, especially because M. Hamel had said that he would question us on participles, and I did not know the first word about them. For a moment, I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright!

(i) Who is the author of these lines?

- a. William Douglas b. Selma Lagerlof
c. Alphonse Daudet d. Anees Jung

(ii) Who was Mr. Hamel?

- a. Principal b. French teacher
c. Village Sarpanch d. Franz's father

(iii) Why was Franz in great dread?

- a. He had not prepared for his grammar lesson b. He had bunked the class the previous day
c. He had not brought his notebook d. None of these

(iv) What did Franz think for a moment?

- a. Teaching a lesson to his teacher b. Pranking the principal
c. Bunking the class d. Joining the Civil Movement

(b)the next morning he started out on the back of an elephant. He had not proceeded far when the police superintendent's messenger overtook him and ordered him to return to town in his carriage.

(i) From which story have these lines been taken?

- a. Deep Water b. Indigo
c. The Portrait of a Lady d. Lost Spring

(ii) Who is 'he' in the above lines?

- a. Mahatma Gandhi b. Jawaharlal Nehru
c. Raj Kumar Shukla d. Rajendra Prasad

(iii) Where was 'he' going on the back of an elephant?

- a. To meet British officials b. To a nearby village
c. To conduct a roadshow in the town d. To his hometown

- (iv) What order was given to 'he'?
- To leave India
 - To meet British officials at Champaran
 - To leave Champaran
 - To meet the judge hearing the case of peasants
- (c) But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed. My stamp collecting, for example; that's a 'temporary refuge from reality.'
- (i) Who is 'he' in the above extract?
- Galesburg
 - Sam
 - Charley
 - Jack
- (ii) Which reason of the problem is being cited here?
- Charley wanted to have refuge from reality.
 - Charley wanted to become rich.
 - Charley wanted to have a political career.
 - Charley wanted to marry again.
- (iii) Which other evidence did prove that Charley was an escapist?
- Hobby of collecting coins
 - Hobby of collecting butterflies
 - Hobby of collecting stones
 - Hobby of collecting stamps
- (iv) Who in Charley's ancestors pursued philately?
- His father
 - His grandfather
 - His great grandfather
 - His maternal uncle

4. Read the extract carefully and choose the correct option from the questions that follow.

(Any One)(1×4=4)

- (a) I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile ...
- (i) Name the poet.
- Stephen Spender
 - Kamala Das
 - John Keats
 - Pablo Neruda
- (ii) What was the poet's childhood fear?
- Losing mother
 - Shifting from parental house
 - Shifting to a new city
 - Darkness
- (iii) What has been compared to 'late winter's moon'?
- Best friend
 - Mother
 - Daughter
 - Sister
- (iv) What were the parting words of the poet?
- as a late winter's moon
 - old familiar ache
 - see you soon
 - smile and smile and smile
- (b) On sour cream walls, donations. Shakespeare's
head, cloudless at dawn, civilised dome riding all
cities. Belled, flowery, Tyrolean Valley.
- (i) What was used to build the walls?
- Donations
 - Capital contribution
 - Waste material
 - Brick and cement
- (ii) What do you find in the classroom?
- Children from various sections of society
 - Undernourished children
 - Unity in Diversity
 - Polished and tiled surfaces

(iii) What is the significance of Tyrolese valley?

- It is in perfect synchronisation with the environment of the classroom.
- It is in contrast to the environment of the classroom.
- It has a striking balance with the environment of the classroom.
- The valley is also dull like the classroom.

(iv) What does the word 'Belled' mean here?

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| a. The environment of the classroom | b. The environment of the valley |
| c. The shape of the valley | d. None of these |

5. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option :

(Any eight) (1×8=8)

AI (i) Why did Saheb not go to school?

- This is because he had no money.
- This is because he was not interested in studies.
- This is because there was no school in his neighbourhood.
- This is because no one in his family had gone to school.

AI (ii) Where did the author start feeling fear of water when he was with his father?

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| (a) At the California beach | (b) At the YMCA pool |
| (c) At the DumDuma beach | (d) At his home swimming pool |

(iii) What thought about the world entertained the peddler?

- He thought the rattrap to eat everyone.
- He thought the world to be a big rattrap.
- He thought the world will stop making rattraps.
- He thought that the rats could come out of rattraps.

AI (iv) Who does gusty refer to in the poem 'An Elementary school Classroom in a Slum'?

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| (a) The energetic children | (b) The joyful teacher |
| (c) The enthusiastic principal | (d) The dreamy Shakespeare |

(v) Who looked at his hurt hands?

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| (a) The ironmaster | (b) The peddler |
| (c) The salt gatherer | (d) The creeper |

AI (vi) What does the phrase 'Spite of despondency' refer to?

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| (a) It refers to joy and happiness. | (b) It refers to merry and excitement. |
| (c) It refers to grief and sorrow. | (d) It refers to sadness and depression. |

(vii) What colour of the tigers has the poet described?

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| (a) Topaz coloured | (b) Golden coloured |
| (c) Red coloured | (d) Yellow and black coloured |

(viii) Which profession did Sadao excel at?

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| (a) Surgery | (b) Medicine |
| (c) Surgery and medicine | (d) Veterinary |

(ix) What was the deformity with Mr. Lamb?

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| (a) He had got a tin leg. | (b) He had got acid splashed across his face. |
| (c) He had no voice to speak. | (d) He was blind. |

(x) Who was sitting in the hotel room of Evans when he returned?

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| (a) The policemen | (b) The French teacher |
| (c) The detective of the Oxford Prison | (d) The Governor of the Oxford Prison |

Part-B (40 Marks)**6. Attempt any ONE of the following**

Evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (a) After the rains, cases of dengue, chikunguniya etc. are on the rise in your city. As Principal, Sunshine Public School, Manu Vihar, you have decided to allow your students to wear full sleeve shirts and trousers in the school for a period of one month. Write the notice in about 50 words. 3

OR

- (b) You are the Dean, Admissions, MNT Professional College, Chandigarh. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words giving information about admission to undergraduate courses offered by your college. Include all relevant details. 3

7. Attempt any ONE of the following

Evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (a) You are Roshan Khera, a resident of Haryana. Invite your friend Hrishit Arora who lives in old Delhi to spend a part of his summer vacation with you at your farm house near Pinjore. 3

OR

- (b) Draft a formal reply expressing your inability to attend the inauguration of the showroom 'Regalia' on Sunday, the 20th July 20XX, at 11 a.m. at B-12, Rohini. You are Navin Jain of C-5, G.K.J, New Delhi and your friend is G.L. Bansal of 23, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi. 3

8. Attempt any ONE of the following

Evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (a) You are Navtej/Navita, Secretary, Environment Club, Akash Public School, Agra. You, along with a group of students, went on a 3-day tour to Corbett National Park. You found how the tourists abuse the available facilities and thus endanger the environment. Write a letter in 120–150 words to the editor of a national daily highlighting the situation. Suggest ways through which the environment of the park can be saved. 5



OR

- (b) You are Shreya/Shreyas. Write an application in response to the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for this post. Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery Teacher/PRT in Y.K. International School, Ghaziabad, U.P. The candidate must have a minimum experience of 3 years of teaching at the primary and pre–primary level. The applicant must have a pleasant and energetic personality. She/he should be creative and adaptable. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal with a detailed resume. 5

SITUATION VACANT

**Y.K. International School
Ghaziabad, UP**

Nursery Teacher/PRT needed, minimum experience of 3 years of teaching at the primary and pre-primary level, pleasant and energetic personality, creative and adaptable, attractive salary. Interested candidates apply to the Principal with detailed resume.

9. Attempt any ONE of the following

evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (a) Education has always been a noble profession. Our ancestors received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Even in the near past, pathshalas (schools) were associated with places of worship. Today, education is fast becoming commercialized. Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes, tuition fees etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The State of Education Today'. You are Karan/Karuna. 5

You may use the given cues along with your own ideas.

- Produces large number of unemployed graduates
- Lacks basic communication and problem-solving skills
- Education becoming commercialised
- Flourishing coaching centres and tutorials
- Rote-learning curbs creativity and originality
- Marks-oriented
- Real purpose lost
- Students victims of unrealistic, pointless, mindless rat race
- Need to redefine the purpose of education
- Inadequate number of schools
- Inadequate infrastructure
- Poor student-teacher ratio

OR

- (b) In your locality, a blood donation camp was organized by an NGO – 'For Your Health'. Many people visited the camp and donated blood. Write a report in 150-200 words for a local newspaper covering the arrangements, doctors team, refreshment served etc. 5

You may use the given cues along with your own ideas.

- blood donation camp in ABC Nagar by an NGO
- date, time and venue
- wide publicity
- qualified / efficient / experienced team of doctors
- well organised
- clear cut instructions
- sugar / B.P. tested before donation / followed norms
- donors served with fresh fruits

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

(Any Five) (2×5=10)

- AI** (i) Describe the irony in Saheb's name.
- (ii) What did Douglas feel and do when he was pushed into the swimming pool?
- AI** (iii) Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?
- AI** (iv) What kind of pain does Kamala Das feel in 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'?
- (v) What does a thing of beauty do for us?
- (vi) What is the meaning of the phrase 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?

11. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

(Any Two) (2×2=4)

- (i) What dilemma did Sadao and his wife face when they saw the wounded American soldier?
- AI** (ii) How do people console Derry when they look at his face?
- AI** (iii) According to the Governor, what kind of person was Evans?

12. Answer the following in 120-150 words.

- AI** Our native language is a part of our culture and we are proud of it. How does the presence of village elders in the classroom and Mr. Hamel's last lesson show their love for French? 5

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OR

AI Why did Rajkumar Shukla invite Gandhiji to Champaran? How did Gandhiji solve the problem of the indigo farmers? 5

13. Answer the following in 120-150 words.

Why did Charley think that Grand Central Station was growing like a tree, pushing out new corridors and staircases like roots? 5

OR

Describe Jack's art of storytelling.

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