

Topper's*
Answers

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ENGLISH
Language
and
Literature
Code No. 2/2/3

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

*Note : This paper is solely for reference purpose. The pattern of the paper has been changed for the academic year 2022-23.

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) Question paper comprises **three** sections - A, B and C.
- (ii) Section A - Reading : 20 marks
Section B - Writing & Grammar : 30 marks
Section C - Literature : 30 marks
- (iii) There are 11 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Answer should be brief and to the point.
- (v) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choice correctly.
- (vi) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- (vii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A

(Reading)

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1. Read the following passage carefully.

- (1) Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-Daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
- (2) Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches therefore the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall - the length of a human palm - but she surprises us with the power of great art - the ability to communicate across centuries.
- (3) A series of bangles - of shell or ivory or thin metal - clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
- (4) She speaks of the undaunted ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions.

1 × 8 = 8

- (a) The dancing girl belongs to
 - (i) Mohenjo-Daro
 - (ii) Homosapiens
- (b) In the museum she's kept among
 - (i) dancing figures
 - (ii) terracotta animals
- (ii) Greek culture
- (iv) Tibet
- (ii) bronze statues
- (iv) books

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- (c) Which information is not given in the passage ?
- The girl is caged behind glass.
 - She is a rare artefact.
 - School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
 - She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
- (d) 'Great Art' has power because :
- it appeals to us despite a passage of time.
 - it is small and can be understood.
 - it's seen in pictures and sketches.
 - it's magnified a million times.
- (e) The jewellery she wears :
- consists of bangles of shell, ivory or thin metal.
 - is a necklace with two pendants.
 - both (i) and (ii) are correct.
 - neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.
- (f) She reminds us
- of the never say-die attitude of humans.
 - why museums in our country are exciting.
 - why she will make us come into money.
 - of dancing figures.
- (g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is _____.
- (h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

Ans.

1.1.	
(a)	(i) Mohenjo - Daro
(b)	(iii) terracotta animals
(c)	(iv) she cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze
(d)	(i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time
(e)	(i) consists of bangles of shell, ivory or thin metal
(f)	(iii) why she will make us come into money
(f)	(ii) why museums in our country are exciting
(g)	The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is "amid".
(h)	False

2. Read the following passage carefully.

- As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions.
- By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
- Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
- We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
- It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard ? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.

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(6) What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the quality time would do the trick.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

- Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.
- In today's world, what are parents asking their kids ?
- Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents ?
- The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views ? Support your view with a reason.

Ans.

2.1. (a) One advantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process is that it promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

On the other hand, the disadvantage is that it can lead to arguments, opposition, injured feelings and frequent flaring out of tempers.

(b) In today's world, parents are asking their kids the cuisine they prefer and the movie they want to watch. They are also asking their kids about the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they prefer to study.

(c) The writer advises the parents to listen to their children, their silences and ensure that they spend time with them. The writer also tells the parents to step into their children's world for about half an hour everyday and insist that their children share their stories with them.

(d) I completely agree with the author's views as I feel that in today's world where there is a continuous race, it is very essential for parents to understand their children, their views and opinions. Spending time. Parents spending some time with their children every day can help children to express and open up to their parents better.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following :

1 × 4 = 4

- The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.
- The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is :
 - Cuisine
 - Gourmet
 - Gastric
 - Science
- The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.
- The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is
 - difficult
 - complicated
 - easy
 - tricky

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Ans.

2.2 (a) The synonym of 'hurt' is 'injured'
 (b) (i) cuisine
 (c) The antonym of 'agreeable' is 'conflicting'
 (d) (ii) complicated

Section B

(Writing and Grammar)

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3. You are Shammi/Sapna, resident of 12 Mall Road, Agra. You have noticed that majority of the water taps in your colony keep on leaking. Also water drips from various joints in the supply pipes. All these lead to a big wastage of potable water. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, Agra Municipal Corporation requesting him to get the necessary repairs done. (100-150 words) 8

OR

Outdoor games occupy a prominent place in the life of people. They not only help in keeping them healthy and fit but also play an important part as recreational events. Write an article in 100-150 words on, "Importance of Outdoor Games." You are Raj/Rani. 8

Ans.

3. Sapna
 12 Mall Road
 Agra

26 February, 2022

The Municipal Commissioner
 Municipal Corporation
 Agra

Sir,

Sub: Complaint about wastage of Potable water from Water Taps and supply Pipes

This is to bring to your kind notice the pathetic condition of water taps and supply pipes in my colony. I am a resident of 12 Mall Road and have noticed the leaking of water from majority of the taps in my colony. There is also leakage of water from various joints in the supply pipes.

All this leads to a huge waste of potable water. Notwithstanding the fact that there is an acute water shortage in various parts of India, ~~there is~~ it is saddening to see the lack of

concern among people for the conservation of water. The constant dripping of water leads to a waste of water which can otherwise be used for domestic purposes like cooking, washing and bathing. We sometimes face have a low supply of water in our houses owing to this problem. Even the animals in our locality sometimes face a shortage of water.

I hope that you will take appropriate measures to rectify this problem and get the necessary repairs done to avoid wastage of potable water

at the earliest.

Yours faithfully
Bapna

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following clues.

Last year in the month of December, I went to my native village where my grand parents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly 10

OR

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood against to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started 10

Ans.

Plan:

Title: A Wonderful Discovery Invention

Characters: ~~Myself~~, Tina, Daku uncle, the scientist, myself.

Setting: The neighbourhood of Govinapur

Plot: This story revolves around a flying object discovered by a scientist and the significance of the discovery.

Q No-4

A Wonderful Discovery Invention

It was party-time for all of us. We had just finished our exams and were partying hard at my friend

Tina's house in Govinapur. We sat down for a break after dancing for almost two hours. It had been an amazing day, full of fun and frolic and it was ^{now} time for us to go back home. Everyone had left and only Tina and I were

Suddenly, we all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started wondering as to what this strange object might be. It was a ~~very~~ truly weird object that seemed like an aeroplane with wings and a beak. My friend Tina and I decided to follow this half-aeroplane, half-bird like object. We ran as fast as we could and finally we realized ~~it~~ saw the object land

at Daku uncle's house. Daku uncle was an eccentric scientist who had discovered several fascinating objects.

He explained to us that this ^{object} was one of his recent ^{inventions} ~~creations~~. He told us that the wings had little holes with absorbers in them. The intention behind this was the fact that these absorbers would absorb the dust in the air and purify the surroundings. The beak would be useful when the object was operated on the ground. The beak would pick up garbage in the vicinity and clean the surroundings. The aeroplane like structure had a recycling system that could recycle the garbage. We were amazed. This was such a useful and significant invention that Daku uncle had made. It would definitely spread awareness about environment conservation. We thanked Daku uncle and left waiting to tell the others about his ~~phenomenal~~ mind-blowing invention.

5. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. $1 \times 4 = 4$

Reading books _____ (a) _____ a good hobby. Books open _____ (b) _____ vast new world to us. They increase _____ (c) _____ knowledge and change our out look _____ (d) _____ the world.

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|-----|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| (a) | (i) has | (ii) was | (iii) are | (iv) is |
| (b) | (i) the | (ii) a | (iii) an | (iv) some |
| (c) | (i) his | (ii) one's | (iii) our | (iv) your |
| (d) | (i) towards | (ii) for | (iii) by | (iv) from |

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Ans.

(a) (iv) us
 (b) (ii) a
 (c) (iii) over
 (d) (i) towards

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1 × 4 = 4

	Error	Correction
Spending time for their kids brings	(a) _____	_____
immediate as well as long-last	(b) _____	_____
gain for a parents. According to a	(c) _____	_____
research, children with concerned	(d) _____	_____
parents are more efficient.		

Ans.

6. (a) ~~for~~ ~~with~~ ~~with~~ ~~with~~ Correction ~~with~~
 (b) ~~long-last~~ ~~long-lasting~~
 (c) ~~a~~ ~~the~~
 (d) ~~with~~ ~~having~~

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 1 × 4 = 4

- (a) is / as / known / Jaipur / Pink City.
 (b) in the / are / buildings / city / in pink colour / painted / most of the
 (c) have made / a popular / it / its / historical buildings / destination / tourist.
 (d) go there / one / bus / from Delhi / can easily / by

Ans.

7. (a) Jaipur is known as Pink city
 (b) Most of the buildings in the city are painted in pink colour.
 (c) Its historical buildings have made it a popular tourist destination.
 (d) One can easily go there from Delhi by bus.

Section C*

(Literature)

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 4 = 4

Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated.

"What will you do now, Max?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway. The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot".

- (a) Who is Max ?
 (i) a spy (ii) a tourist
 (iii) a businessman (iv) a waiter
- (b) Max became nervous because
 (i) he got scared of Ausable.
 (ii) he thought the police had come.

- (iii) the door was unlocked.
 (iv) Ausable did not get up to open the door.
 (c) Actually the door was knocked at by the _____.
 (d) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently' ?

OR

..... Winds rush to meet them.
 The moon is broken like a mirror,
 Its pieces flash now in the crown
 if the tallest oak.

- (a) The above lines were written by
 (i) Robert Frost (ii) John Berryman
 (iii) Robin Klein (iv) Adrienne Rich
 (b) The crown of the oak lies in its
 (i) top most branch (ii) roots
 (iii) rich and tasty fruit (iv) broad leaves
 (c) The winds are rushing to meet the _____.
 (d) Find the word from the extract which means the same as "shine."

Ans.

8. (a) (i) a spy
 (b) (ii) he thought the police had come
 (c) Actually, the door was knocked at by the waiter who had brought Ausable a drink
 (d) The word opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently' is 'nervously'

9. Answer any **five** of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped ?
 (b) Why did Peggy and Maddie not wait for Wanda ?
 (c) Why does the poet use the term 'noble' and 'wild' for the tiger ? (How to Tell Wild Animals)
 (d) What was the boys follow Griffin ?
 (f) How is Ausable different from other secret agents ?

Ans.

9. (a) Initially, when it began to rain, Lencho was elated as it was the rain would lead to a better harvest. However, the rain slowly turned to hailstones and completely destroyed Lencho's farm. Lencho was devastated to see his entire farm destroyed and reckoned that a plague of locusts would have left more than the hail had. He was upset as he and his family would have to starve that year. In such a desperate situation, the only ray of hope was God, in whom Lencho had unswerving faith.

(b) Peggy and Maddie usually waited for Wanda on their way to and back from school in order to bully and have fun at her cost. But today, it was pouring heavily and it was also the day when Miss Mason would announce the winners for the drawing contest. They did not want to be late for school on such a significant day and hence, did not wait for Wanda.

- (c)
- (d) ~~Tricky~~ ^{Tricky} was a dog who was thoroughly pampered by his rich mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. She showered him with unconditional love and gave him cream cakes, chocolates and other delicacies, all the time blissfully unaware that she was overindulging him. Tricky never refused food and his major flaw was greed. He was always greedy and devoured all the goodies she offered him which resulted in him ~~falling~~ ^{suffering} from a bout of illness.
- (e) Griffin was an eccentric scientist who had discovered ~~how~~ ^{a drug} to make the human body invisible. However, he had to remain naked in order to become invisible when the boys sighted footprints on the mud they wondered what a barefooted man was doing in London, that too during winter. To their surprise, they couldn't spot the man anywhere and when new footprints appeared from nowhere, they decided to investigate and began following Griffin's footprints.
- (f) Ausable was not an alpha-male or a handsome-looking hunk like James Bond or other secret agents. He was very fat and had a wheezy American accent. On seeing Ausable, Fowler's visible disappointment was very evident as he had imagined Ausable to be a tall, lean man with arresting looks and an agile body who stood out in a crowd by virtue of his countenance. However, Ausable proved to ~~be~~ ^{Ausable} different from other secret agents as he was neither handsome nor tall, lean but had a razor-sharp mind and sharp wit.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

Why were the children fascinated by the baker? How did they show their eagerness to see him?

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OR

Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball?

Ans.

10. In 'The Ball Poem', the poet uses a trivial event like the loss of a ball as a great educator about the ^{value} importance of worldly possessions and the importance of strength of character, to be stoic, to bear losses both trivial and severe in life.

When the ball rolls into the water, the boy is transfixed in anguish and is going through a tumult of emotions. It seems to him that the lost ball has taken away a slice of his life and that there is no worse loss he can endure. The boy looks like death has shaken him as it was that ball which symbolised many pleasant memories of his childhood.

The poet, both recognises and respects the sentiments

the boy has attached the ball with. He thinks that the lost ball is ^{irreplaceable} ~~unreplaceable~~ and hence, does not offer him money to buy a new ball. He allows the child to mourn his loss. He ~~allow~~ ^{wants the} ~~gives~~ the child ~~freedom~~ ^{to} breathe to and assimilate his first loss. The poet says that loss is a part and parcel of life and that the boy is learning to assume responsibility for his actions and face their consequences. His ~~own~~ ^{learning} curve has begun which will encourage strength of character, equanimity of mind and stoicism.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh ?

8

OR

What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother ? How did she treat the narrator ?

8

Ans.

11. Hari Singh was a fifteen-year-old orphan and a seasoned con-artist. He was left to fend for himself and adopted the wrong approach to do so by engaging in thievery. On meeting Anil, a tall, lean and easy-going boy, Anil manages to worm his way through to Anil's heart. ~~He~~ ^{offered} ~~He~~ ^{offers} to work for Anil but his real intention ^{is} to ~~rob~~ ^{decamp} with Anil's money. When Anil offers to educate him, Hari

is delighted as he feels he can widen his dragnet to the high income group.

However, as the story proceeds, we see Anil's trusting manners and candid deportment having a positive impact on Hari's heart and mind. Even after stealing Anil's money, Hari returns it as his conscience is wide-awake and he realises that breaking Anil's trust in him would cost him dearly. He realises that the importance

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of education in a man's life and now wants to be educated and live a respectful life in society. He now has an admirable aim and returns to Anil to fulfil it.

Thus, Anil's trust in Hazi thaws his hardened heart and transforms him from a thief to a boy with his own admirable dream. The education, love and sympathy that Anil gives him makes him

use his discretion between right and wrong. We can therefore conclude that education, love and sympathy can undoubtedly transform even a thief.

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