

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C – Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text	25 marks

- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

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## Section-A

## (Reading)

# 20 marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :  $1 \times 8 = 8$ 

If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietitian said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.

Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

- (a) What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
- (b) What are the two versions of coffee that are drunk in America?
- (c) State any two benefits of antioxidants.
- (d) What does Vinson say about the consumption of antioxidants?
- (e) Name any two popular sources of antioxidants.
- (f) How does coffee outrank dates in the level of antioxidants?
- (g) Mention any two benefits of coffee.
- (h) What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee ?

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2. Read the following passage carefully :

## Gandhiji As a Fund Raiser

Gandhiji was an incurable and irrestible fund raiser. He found special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji.

He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created distaste for ornaments and created a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturbai didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law ? They would surely want them.

"Well!" Gandhiji put in mildly, "our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturbai was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturbai was a female with a desire to

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adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

- 2.1 Answer the questions given below :  $2 \times 4=8$ 
  - (a) How did Gandhiji create a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala?
  - (b) What was Kasturbai's apprehension about their daughters-in-law?
  - (c) What solution did Gandhiji suggest for the problem posed by Kasturbai?
  - (d) How did Gandhiji serve the community?
- 2.2 Find meanings of the words given below from the options that follow : 1×4=4
  - (e) incurable (para 1)
    - (i) unreliable
    - (ii) untreatable
    - (iii) disagreeable
    - (iv) unbeatable
  - (f) <u>motivated</u> (para 2)
    - (i) encouraged
    - (ii) emboldened
    - (iii) incited
    - (iv) softened

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- (g) upset (para 4)
  - (i) puzzled
  - (ii) furious
  - (iii) confused
  - (iv) distressed
- (h) renunciation (para 5)
  - (i) giving up
  - (ii) disagreement
  - (iii) opposition
  - (iv) termination

#### **Section-B**

# (Writing and Grammar)

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**3.** The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But there is no visibility of such a work. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your disappointment at the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem. You are Shweta/Sham of 24, Pushp Nagar.

#### Or

Write an article in 100-120 words on the topic, 'Importance of clean surroundings in your locality'. You are Ram/Rama.

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**4.** Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150-200 words.

a pond ..... a crocodile ..... a monkey ..... on a tree ..... were friends. Crocodile's wife ..... wanted monkey's heart ..... monkey bewildered ..... planned ..... heart, home ..... went back to get it. ..... saved himself.

#### Or

A thirsty crow ..... looked for water ..... found a pitcher ..... very less water in it ..... picked up pebbles and put them in the pitcher ..... water level raised.

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow : 1×3=3
Kanishka, the ruler of the Kushanas embraced Buddhism. He (a) \_\_\_\_\_ invited to a Buddhist meeting (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Kashmir during his reign. It was during his time that Buddhism (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Java.

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- (a) (i) is
  - (ii) was
  - (iii) had
  - (iv) has

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- (b) (i) at
  - (ii) of
  - (iii) in
  - (iv) on
- (c) (i) spread
  - (ii) spreads
  - (iii) spreading
  - (iv) is spread
- 6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

ErrorCorrectionResearch is an detailed study of ae.g. anasubject undertaking on a systematic(a)\_\_\_\_\_\_basis in order to increase a stock of(b)\_\_\_\_\_\_knowledge, including knowledge for man,(c)\_\_\_\_\_\_culture and society, that the use of this stock(d)\_\_\_\_\_\_of knowledge to devise new applications.\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Rearrange the following jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences.  $1 \times 3=3$ 

One example is given below :

refused / beyond / Alexander's army / to go / the river Beas

Alexander's army refused to go beyond the river Beas

- (a) to be a / kind / this was / of protest / considered / unique
- (b) could not / the soldiers / Alexander / to move / persuade / ahead
- (c) finally / them / he / asked / to retreat

# Section-C

# (Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text) 25 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :  $1 \times 3=3$ 

These meadows aren't worth much to me. They only come to five dessiatins, and are worth perhaps 300 roubles, but I can't stand unfairness. Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness.

- (a) Who speaks the above lines and to whom?
- (b) How much are the meadows worth?
- (c) Find a word in the extract that means 'not based on what is just'.

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## Or

I even considered fleeing to my hometown, where I could have been a real lawyer right away, without going through this unpleasant training period.

- (a) Who is 'I'?
- (b) How did 'I' suffer during the training period?
- (c) What does the word, 'fleeing' mean?
- 9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :  $2 \times 4=8$ 
  - (a) How did Valli react when she saw the dead cow by the roadside?
  - (b) What legends are associated with the origin of tea?
  - (c) What does Noodle tell Think-Tank about the books?
  - (d) Why did Matilda not want to see her rich friends?
- **10.** Answer the following question in 80-100 words :

"The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain....". With this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral value that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.

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#### Or

"Don't you worry, Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and mother". Through this statement the narrator wants to highlight the moral values Bholi was imbued with. Based on the reading of the lesson, what made Bholi aware of her rights and how did she use them?

**11.** Answer the following in 150-200 words :

Anne Frank's statement, "What one Christian does is his own responsibility, what one Jew does reflects on all Jews" presents not only hatred for the Jews but also their pitiable condition in the world. Comment.

#### Or

Anne's mother never showed her interest in Anne Frank and remained indifferent to her. Describe the character of Anne's mother, Edith Frank in the light of this remark.

## Or

How did a story book, 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' open a window of knowledge to Helen and help to shape her career?

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# Or

Helen's statement, "We worked hard and faithfully, yet we did not quite reach our goal" tells us about her failure to achieve the goal at the Wright-Humason School in New York City. What was the goal that she failed to achieve there?

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