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**SAMPLE PAPER 2**

**Section A: READING SKILLS      20 MARKS**

**I Read the passage given below:**

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1. The seasonal problem of water taps running dry is plaguing most of our major cities. With the bigger rivers flowing in trickles and ponds and wells reduced to clay -pits, village women in remote areas have to fetch every drop of water for drinking, cooking, washing and so on, across large distances. This has only worsened a perennial problem, that of widespread pollution of water, rendering it unfit for human consumption. The monsoons and the attendant floods will not solve this problem.

2 The Delhi Administration is seriously worried about the threat to civic health posed by the polluted waters of the Yamuna. Two main tanks are to be set up to treat sewage. At present, only 60 per cent of the 200 million gallons of the city's sewage receives any kind of treatment before it is dumped into the river which supplies water not only to this city but to innumerable towns and villages downstream. The Ganga, the Yamuna, the Kaveri, in fact, all our important rivers serving many urban conglomerations, are fast becoming a major source of diseases.

3 A comprehensive bill introduced in the Parliament recently, envisages the setting up of central and state boards for the prevention and control of water pollution. But it will obviously take some time before legislation is passed and effectively implemented. Meanwhile, the problem continues to swell. According to a survey of eight dwelling countries conducted a couple of years ago, 90 per cent of all child deaths were due to water-borne diseases. It is the same unchanged story today.

4 In a country like India, a burgeoning population continuing to use the open countryside as a lavatory means that with every dust storm and rain, human excreta laden with germs and parasites find their way to ponds, shallow wells and even the streams and rivers. Only 18 per cent of the rural folk have access to potable water.

5 A new threat that has already assumed alarming proportions is from industrial waste which is generally dumped untreated into the nearest river. For Instance, for every kilogram of process hide, 30-40 liters of foul-smelling, wastewater has to be disposed off. There are at least 900 licensed tanneries in the organised sector. Putrefied paper and jute waste, metallic salts and corrosive acids all find their way to the rivers of India.

6 It is important only to make new laws to ensure the purity of water, but also to realise the urgency of implementing them ruthlessly, if we are to avoid a national health disaster cutting across the barrier between towns and the countryside.

**Based on your understanding, answer the questions given below:**

**1x10=10**

I Select the option that expresses the tone of the writer in the given passage.

- a) Humorous
- b) Optimistic
- c) Horrifying
- d) solemn

ii Based on your reading of the text, select the main reason why the Delhi government is worried about.  
(para2)

- A. Threat to civic health posed by polluted waters of Yamuna.
- B. The rivers are becoming a major source of diseases.
- C. Lack of water treatment facilities.
- D. Both (A) and (B)

iii State the reasons mentioned in Paragraph 2 that are threatening the residents of Delhi?

- 1. Zero groundwater level
- 2. Lack of potable water
- 3. Lack of the treatment of sewage
- 4. Yamuna is over-polluted
- 5. Open untreated water

- A. 1,3 and 5
- B. 3 and 4
- C. 1.2 and 6
- D. 3.5 and 4

iv Supply 1 point to justify the following. (Paragraph 3)

The most child deaths in India is due to lack of potable water.

v Evaluate the most appropriate purpose of the bill mentioned in the passage: (Paragraph 3)

- A. It creates financial scope for water treatment facilities
- B. It creates Central and State Boards for control of water pollution.
- C. It looks into the effective implementation of legislation.
- D. It looks into the proper treatment of water bodies.

vi Select the inappropriate reason for the new threat that has risen from industrial waste which is being dumped untreated into the nearest river. (Paragraph 3)

- A. Disposal of wastewater at regular intervals appropriately.
- B. Presence of licensed tanneries in the organised sector
- C. Putrefied paper, jute waste, metallic salts and corrosive acids dumped in rivers.
- D. Foul smelling waste water.

vii The writer says, "But it will obviously take some time before legislation is passed and effectively implemented."

The phrase "is passed and effectively implemented" refers to the implementation of

- A. Amendment of laws
- B. Legislation
- C. Legal punishments

D. All of these

viii Select the option that makes the correct use of ‘Plaguing’ as used in the passage to fill in the space. (Paragraph 1)

A. You are sure you don’t have a child.....you?

B. Xander was there for a reason and Damian was ..... it?

C. It’s now likely that he’ll need plastic surgery to prevent further cuts .....the rest of his career.

D. Birds are the biggest culprit .....the grape vines.

ix According to the passage, what connect does the writer draw out between the seasonal problem of water taps running dry and the plaguing of major cities?

x Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of ‘dumped’ as used in the passage. (Paragraph 5)

1. Garbage

2. Thrown

3. Waste

4. Left

A. 1 and 3

B. 3 and 4

C. 3 and 1

D. 2 and 4

II Read the passage given below:

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1.E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources. A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market demand for sophisticated online learning courses. According to the Office for National Statistics, nearly all adults in the age group of 10 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99%) in 2019. The availability of enhanced network connectivity coupled with the convenience offered by on-demand courses, will drive the market size.

2. According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms with schools shut down globally due to COVID-19 pandemic. Electronic Learning Management Systems such as Google Classroom is helping classes to connect distantly, communicate efficiently and stay organized. Large-scale

national efforts to leverage technology to the market players in support of distance education, remote, and online learning during the covid-19 pandemic are emerging and evolving rapidly.

3 The virtual classroom technology in the e-learning market is expected to grow at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 11% during the forecast timespan. A virtual classroom is a digital environment that enables live interaction between a tutor and a learner. Video conferencing and online whiteboard for real-time collaboration are the most common tools used in a digital teaching space. Synchronous and collaborative virtual classes allow active participation of students, creating an environment similar to a physical classroom.

4 The technique is gaining traction with an increasing number of corporate and academic sectors deploying it for enhanced training sessions. Multilateral organizations and world bodies, such as WHO and G20, are also deploying e-learning modes to teach healthcare professionals.

5 Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning market share in 2019. E-learning providers share content on a varied range of topics by collaborating with domain experts that help them to develop the learning content. They focus on offering specific and customized content as per the end-user requirements.

i) Infer one reason for the increase in the market demand for online learning resources,  
(paragraph 1)

ii) Pick the CORRECT option that shows the new technologies that will drive the market growth.

- (1) Video conferencing
- (2) Cloud computing
- (3) Online whiteboard
- (4) AI coupled with increasing internet penetration

- (A) 2 and 3
- (B) 1 and 4
- (C) 2 and 4
- (D) 1 and 4

iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3.

God: disciple:: \_\_\_\_\_: learner

iv) Select the option that lists the INCORRECT statement from the ones given below:

- (1) E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources.
- (2) All adults in the age group of 16 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99%) in 2019.
- (3) A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market share for physical classrooms.
- (4) Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning share in 2019.

- A) 3
- (B) 4 and 2
- (C) 2 and 1
- (D) 1

v) The study of virtual classroom technology in the e-learning market showed 11% (CAGR) ..... growth during the forecast timespan.

- A. expected
- B. consistent
- C. inconsistent
- D. questionable

i) Pick the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement from the options given below:  
“The online market of learning is supposed to be maximized by 2026.”

- (1) Nearly all adults in the age group of 16 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99%) in 2018.
- (2) A virtual classroom is a sophisticated environment that enables live interaction.

- (3) The E-Learning market size is expected to reach \$357 billion by 2026.  
 (4) Video conferencing and online whiteboard are the most common tools used in the World Economic Forum.
- (A) 1                      (B) 4                                      (C) 2                                      (D) 3

ii Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.

- (1) According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms.  
 (2) Schools are shut down due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- (A) (1) is the result of (2).                      (B) (1) is the reason for (2).  
 (C) (1) is independent of (2).                      (D) (1) contradicts (2)

iii List how an e-classroom can provide an environment similar to a physical classroom. (Paragraph 3)

iv Substitute the word 'sophisticated' with one similar word, in the following sentence from paragraph 1: A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market demand for sophisticated online learning resources.

v List any two advantages of virtual classroom as mentioned in paragraph 2.

### SECTION B – GRAMMAR

III Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions

1x10 =10

**i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete it.**

Mathematics ..... my favourite subject.

- a) is  
 b) have  
 c) has  
 d) had

**ii. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's query and the daughter's reply correctly.**

Mother: Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter: My exam is approaching.

Mother asked her daughter ----- . The daughter replied.....

**iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.**

**Ram ..... keep his words.**

- A. Might  
 B. should  
 C. will  
 D. ought to

**iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:**

Climate changes is one of the hotly contested debates.

OPTION	ERROR	CORRECTION
A	Climate	Climates
B	Changes	Change
C	One	a
D	Hotly	Hot

**v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:**

**Royal wedding fans couldn't.....noticing that both the brides wore dramatic gowns with similar v-shaped necklines and long white lace sleeves at their weddings.**

- A. helped                      B. help                      C. Will help                      D. helps

**vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:**

Subject: Request for Approval

Dear Sir

This is to respectfully submit that I \_\_\_\_\_(seeks) approval for organising a tree plantation drive to be undertaken by the club.

**vii. Report the dialogue between Buddha and his disciple, by completing the sentence:**

Buddha: Honesty is the best policy.

Disciple: Does honesty always pay?

Buddha: It may or may not, but at least you will never feel guilty.

Buddha in his preaching said that .....the best policy. A disciple asked him if .....Buddha replied that.....but at least he would never feel guilty.

**viii. Select the correct option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given sentences.**

A group of scholars is meeting in Jaipur on February 10 to discuss the issue in global warming. According to the organizers, it will be attended by some well-known scientists.

OPTION NO.	ERROR	CORRECTION
A	IS	ARE
B	IN	AT
C	IN	OF
D	ATTENDED	ATTEND

**ix. Report the dialogue, by completing the sentence:**

Riya: Can I take your pen?

Jiya: Sure you can.

Riya asked Jiya if she \_\_\_\_\_take her pen. Jai replied that she could.

**x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.**

You.....practise for longer hours for your voice to grow stronger.

- A. should  
B. might  
C. will  
D. can

**xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Deepak and Sunil.**

Deepak: How are you?

Sunil: I'm good. What about you?

Deepak: I'm well physically but not mentally.

Deepak asked Sunil ..... Sunil replied that he was good and continued to ask about Deepak's wellbeing. Deepak said that he was physically well but not mentally.

A. how he was

B. how was he?

C. how did he do?

D. how does he do?

**xii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following**

Use the given format for your response.

A saint walks the streets of Kolkata. It can happens only in India.

ERROR	CORRECTION

**SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

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IV. All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below

**5M**

**A** You are Snighdha, the Vice-Captain of DPS Delhi. You have recently noticed several boys behind your school premises gathering together daily during school closing time. Write a letter to the Editor of DWA, in not more than 120 words drawing attention to the problems faced by the girls. Mention the problems and share the suggestions to create a safe environment for the girls and develop a positive attitude towards women among the boys.

**OR**

**B** You are Mahesh / Madhu, a devotee of Lord Shiva from Vadodara, Gujarat. You want to go on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash. Write a letter of enquiry to the tourism department, New Delhi asking for details for the pilgrimage. You can ask for details like tour cost, duration, health checkups, accommodation available, articles required, etc.

2. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below.

**5M**

**A.** Shilpi is a student who has taken admission in an engineering college in the suburbs. She belongs to a nearby village and is financially weak. She is looking for a good and low-priced accommodation. She heard a lot about a hostel and its facilities. It is very next to the college. She wants to save her time and money but she is confused whether to stay there or not.

Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing the SWOT notes to support your stand on whether she should stay/not in that hostel.

<b>STRENGTH</b> * Providing an economical and healthy environment * More social interaction between the students * Provision for developing hobbies * Separate room for study (reading room /library) * Free from domestic duties	<b>WEAKNESS</b> *Share a common living space *Extra care to be taken of personal belongings *Living conditions are far less comfortable than at home. *Restricted use of mobiles/laptops/PCs
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> *Scope to learn about different cultures *Scope to develop optimistic nature *An Independent Life *Scope to develop great sense of responsibility *Mutual co- operation, sympathy and love for others *Learn to take decisions of his/ her own	<b>THREAT</b> *Ragging by seniors *Less privacy *Wasting time in enjoyment and merry making

**OR**

**B. Read the following excerpt from an online post of a website on educational practices.**

The fundamental practice for building relationships with children with challenging behaviour is the contact talk. Close teacher-child attachments and supportive social environments are important not only for enhancing self-esteem and shaping positive self- concept but also for promoting school adjustment, academic achievement and social skills. . . . Children who have behavioral problems and children with developmental delays or disabilities may be especially affected by the quality of the teacher-child relationships. (2009, 265)

Write a paragraph in 100-120 words to analyze the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

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**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

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**V REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT**

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1. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given

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1.A. . “Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by his lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation, and complaint, and grief. He who has drawn out the arrow and has become composed will obtain peace of mind; he who has overcome all sorrow will become free from sorrow, and be blessed.” (The Sermon at Benares)

1.B.

(i) What does Buddha emphasise in the following words?

“Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer.”

1. Weeping will cause pain.

2. Grieving will keep away one’s serenity.

3. The body will suffer.

4. All the above.



(ii) According to Buddha, what should a person do to obtain peace?

(iii) Fill in the blank with **ONE WORD** only.

- ----- in the extract means 'express sadness over something'?

(iv) Select the option which displays an example of 'physical weakness'.

(a) Ram had dengue and was looking sick and pale.

(b) James slipped into the pool. He did not know how to swim.

(c) Little Rita could not keep the kettle down since it was at a height and filled with hot water.

(d) Jane wanted to take her dog for a walk but couldn't since it was raining heavily.

(v) From the options given below, identify the conclusion of the Buddha's saying.

(a) By grieving for our loved ones we can stay happy and blessed.

(b) We are responsible for our death.

(c) Death can be avoided.

(d) One must not grieve at something that is bound to happen.

### OR

1.C. He is old, but I wouldn't take five Squeezers for him. Why, how can you? Guess is a dog; as for Squeezer, well, it's too funny to argue. Anybody you like has a dog as good as Squeezer....you may find them under every bush almost. Twenty-five roubles would be a handsome price to pay for him. (The Proposal)

(i) 'He is old, but I wouldn't take five Squeezers for him' who said these words to whom and whom were they referring to?

1. Lomov to Chubukov, referring to the dog.

2. Chubukov to Natalya, referring to the dog.

3. Natalya to Chubukov, referring to the dog.

4. Chubukov to Lomov, referring to the dog.

5. Lomov to Natalya, referring to the dog.

Choose the correct option from the following:

(a) (1), (2) and (4)

(b) (2), (3) and (4)

(c) Only (5)

(d) (2) and (5)

(ii) Select the option which displays an example of '- Old' in the context of this extract.

(a) The actress looked gorgeous when dressed in the latest outfit.

(b) The elderly man was sitting in the park.

(c) The little boy dressed in jazzy clothes danced on stage.

(d) The young gymnast did a stunning act.

(iii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text Monetary unit of India : Rupees :: Monetary unit of Russia.: -----

(iv) Choose the correct option from the options to indicate what you understand by the term 'handsome' in the context of this extract?

(a) Stunning

(b) Striking

(c) Moderately large

(d) Meagre

(v) When Natalya started praising about her pet dog Squeezer, Lomov started defending by praising his pet

2 Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given

2.A. "Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,  
And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.  
But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,  
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,  
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,  
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm

(THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON)

(i) Pick the option that does not display a simile from the extract.

- (A) Clashed his tail like irons...
- (B) ...at the pirate like a robin at a worm.
- (C) ...Custard, snorting like an engine...
- (D) ...trickled down to the bottom...

(ii) 'He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm'. Why has this comparison been used here?

Just like the robin catches the worm,-----

- (A) Custard attacked the pirate after careful observation.
- (B) Custard attacked the pirate without delay.
- (C) Custard attacked the pirate carelessly.
- (D) Custard attacked the pirate stealthily.

(iii) State whether the following statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**

The poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract is to emphasize on the might and boldness of Custard.

(iv) Select the option that fits with the reaction of the characters in the context of the extract.

Pirate: Shocked:: Custard: -----

- (A) undaunted
- (B) petrified
- (C) dazed
- (D) thrilled

(v) Which option lists the quotes that support the ideas in the extract?

- 1. Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.
  - 2. If you're brave enough to start, you're strong enough to finish.
  - 3. Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.
  - 4. You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.
  - 5. Fear has a large shadow, but he himself is strong.
- (A) 1 and 5                      (B) 2, 3 and 4  
(C) 2 and 3                      (D) 1, 3 and 5

**OR**

2.B. An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down.  
All his young days into the harbour where  
His ball bent I would not intrude on him,  
A dime another ball, is worthless. (THE BALL POEM)

(i) The poet uses the word 'ultimate' to describe the boy's reaction.

Pick the meaning that DOES NOT display what 'ultimate' means in the context given

- (A) consequent (B) final  
(C) conclusive (D) fateful

(ii) Why does the speaker choose not to intrude?

(iii) The boy is very young in this poem, as a mature, balanced grown-up, he might look back and think that his reaction of ultimate shaking grief was

1. disproportionate to the loss.
2. pretention to procure a new toy.
3. according to his exposure and experience then.
4. a reaction to the failure of retrieving the toy.
5. justified and similar to what it would be currently

- (A) 5 & 2 (B) 1 & 3  
(C) 2 & 4 (D) 3 & 5

(iv) What does the ball symbolise?

- A. joys  
B. Sorrows  
C. Gains  
D. Life

(v) Choose the option that is the meaning of 'harbour' as used in the extract.

- (A) a place on the coast where ships may moor in a shelter.  
(B) a place of refuge  
(C) keeping a thought or feeling secret.  
(D) shelter or hide a criminal or wanted person

**VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each**

**4x3=12**

- i) Describe the role of bakers in the traditional Goan villages. 3  
(ii) "Mijbil was an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needed love"-Elaborate 3  
(iii) How did Valli plan her bus ride? What all exciting scenes did she see from the bus? 3  
(iv) Difficulties come but they are not to stay forever. They come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog'. 3  
(v) "We should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance." Elaborate with reference to the poem "FOR ANNE GREGORY" 3

**VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.**

**2x3=6**

- (i) "Horace Danby was good and respectable - but not a typical thief". Comment on the statement.  
(ii) What does Hari Singh say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?  
(iii) Discoveries and Inventions in Science can be used for the good as well as for destruction. Discuss in the context of the story 'Footprints without Feet'.

**VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words 1x6=6**

- i) You recently read an article on 'Freedom -My perception' and shared it with your best friend. You feel that your perception of freedom has seen a transformation after having read Nelson Mandela- Long Walk to Freedom

Complete the dialogue in 120 words, with your friend, explaining your new understanding of freedom. You may begin like this:

Friend: I think the freedom to watch TV for extended hours or choose the kind of programmes I'd like to view is important.

**OR**

- ii) The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' presents a contrasting image with the tiger in the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'. Compare and contrast the two tigers with reference to the manner in which they have been presented in both poems.

**IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words 1x6=6**

- (i) "Mother is the first teacher of a child."

Justify the quote given above in the light of contribution of Richard Ebright's mother in 'making' him 'a scientist'.

**OR**

- (ii) "Put the fear out of your heart and you will be able to speak like anyone else." These words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. Taking help from the lesson, 'Bholi' write how the social attitude towards Bholi made her an introvert. What should be done to help such children to face the world bravely