

SECTION - A : READING

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow : [8]

1. Pleasure and pain are the inseparable facets of human existence. While the experience of our well-being is rather vague and intangible, experience of pain is real and affects our body, mind and spirit, altering our lives in more ways than one. Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience and caused by tissue damage that results from physical trauma, burns, illness, injury or surgery.
2. Despite the agony caused by pain, it is essential for our survival. If you don't feel pain, you could cause great harm to the body by inadvertently touching a hot iron or jamming your finger in the drawer and not even know it. Or you could rupture the appendix and be unaware of what was going on inside your body. Pain rings an alarm bell, alerting you to pay immediate attention and take quick action.
3. Have you ever wondered why a severely wounded soldier continues to battle on so defiantly or an athlete injured during a race goes on to win it? It happens so because the brain does not react immediately to the pain signals, the sufferer just ignores them because there are more important tasks to attend. The pain registers only after the task or event is over. The perception of pain has been studied extensively by psychologists who suggest that there is a 'gating system' in the central nervous system that opens and closes to let pain pass through to the brain or block it.
4. Psychological factors such as attention of pain, emotional state of a person, anticipation of pain and the way that a person interprets a situation can both open and close the 'gates'. This is why, when you are depressed or anxious, your pain seems worse and intolerable - because your feelings can open the pain gate. On the other hand, when your attention is diverted or focused on pleasant tasks, your pain is almost imperceptible. Thus the physical cause of the pain may be the same, the pain circuits identical, yet the perception of pain is dramatically different.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: (1 × 4 = 4)

- a) What are the inseparable aspects of human existence?
- b) Why is pain considered to be an unpleasant experience?
- c) It is said, 'Pain rings an alarm bell' because _____
- d) A sufferer tries to ignore pain because _____

1.2 Choose the appropriate option from the ones given below each question: (1 × 2 = 2)

- a) The noun form of 'ignores' as used in the passage (para 3)
 i) ignorant ii) ignore iii) ignorance iv) ignorable
- b) The word in the passage that means 'looking forward to' (para 4)
 i) imperceptible ii) anticipation iii) anxious iv) interpret

1.3 Do as directed :

- a) Write the antonym of 'experience' (para 1)
 b) Write the verb form of 'survival' (para 2)
- (1 × 2 = 2)

SECTION - B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

2. You are the Sports Secretary of your school. Your school requires certain sports equipments. Write a letter of Inquiry to 'National Sports Store' asking for information regarding sports items that your school wishes to purchase, in about 120-150 words. [8]

3. The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write down the missing words together with the words that come before and after. (1 × 4 = 4)

	Before	Missing	After
Ant Specialist and biologist Edward Wilson awarded Craford Prize,	a) _____	_____	_____
in 1990, a prize awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy Science.	b) _____	_____	_____
Ant brain contains 2,50,000 neurons, largest brain among insects	c) _____	_____	_____
and the largest in proportion to the body size among all animals earth.	d) _____	_____	_____

4. Complete the passage by choosing the correct options from those given below : (1 × 4 = 4)

Joao Lourenco (a) _____ as president of Angola, becoming the first new leader in the oil-rich southern African nation in almost four decades. Lourenco, 63, (b) _____ on September 26, 2017 from Jose Eduardo Santos, who (c) _____ the former Portuguese colony for 38 years. Thousands of people were on hand for the inauguration, which (d) _____ with a military parade and a 21 gun salute

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| a) i) was sworn in | ii) has been sworn in | iii) has sworn in | iv) had sworn in |
| b) i) takes over | ii) has taken over | iii) took over | iv) had take over |
| c) i) ruled | ii) has ruled | iii) was ruling | iv) had rule |
| d) i) has ended | ii) ended | iii) had ended | iv) would end |

5. Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : (1 × 2 = 2)
- a) are essential / balanced life / good / for / a healthy work / friends / and
 b) only those / enrich / choose / the quality / who / of your life / can

SECTION - C : LITERATURE : TEXT BOOK AND NOVEL

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

'The bride hath paced into the hall,
Red as a rose is she;
Nodding their heads before her goes
The merry minstrelsy.'

- How does the bride make her appearance?
- Who accompanies the bride?
- How do the minstrels go?
- What figure of speech is used in line-2?

7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2 × 4 = 8)

- Why were the mariners angry with the Ancient Mariner?
- What advice had Mr. Pakrashi given to Patol Babu?
- How does Patol Babu win the admiration of the director through a very small role?
- Why does the poet feel honoured by the presence of the snake?

8. Answer the following question in 100-120 words : (6 × 1 = 6)

Where was Caesar supposed to go on the Ides of March? Who pleaded him not to go? Describe the unusual sights seen by the 'watch'.

9. Answer the following questions : (3 × 2 = 6)

- Why does Anne feel depressed in the Annex?
- How did Anne lose her fountain pen?