

General Instructions:

- (i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:
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| Section A — Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B — Writing and Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section C — Literature | 30 marks |
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A- (READING)

(20 marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

(8)

1. Every time a child takes a soft drink, he's laying the foundation for a dangerous bone disease. No, fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis, but the kids do not get calcium and vitamin D required to build strong bones. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they do not get the benefits of vigorous exercise either. These children aren't just in jeopardy of broken bones and fractures decades down the road, but they could be at a risk of osteoporosis at a younger age than ever before.
2. The Indian society for Bone and Mineral Research, a body of osteoporosis experts, is trying to spread awareness about this bone crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that's been attacked by termites. This can lead to loss of height, pain in joints, broken bones, which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability. Osteoporosis can be fatal. 25 percent of older people, who suffer from a broken hip, die within a year. Osteoporosis is not just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men. So it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.
3. There is a new medical understanding of the best ways to protect ourselves and our children. "Simple lifestyle changes and nutrition will save your bones," says Dr. Mittal. He recommends that everyone should adopt bone-friendly habits--exercise, get enough sunlight and have adequate calcium. This can keep our bones healthy and prevent osteoporosis.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions:

(1x8=8)

- a) How are soft drinks harmful for a child's health?
- b) What do children need to build strong bones?
- c) Why are children at a risk of osteoporosis?
- d) Which organization is spreading awareness about osteoporosis?

- e) What problems can people face as a result of osteoporosis?
- f) How can both children and adults be protected from osteoporosis?
- g) Osteoporosis is not only a health threat to aged grandmothers but.....
- h) Why is it said that 'Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life'?
- i) Which word in **Para no. 3** means the same as 'sufficient'?

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:

(12)

1. These days it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling in public transport, regardless of risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks: Is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a student, worker or an executive, earphones have become inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations.
2. The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our instructions because he had an earphone on. Hundreds of such earphone addicts commute by the Delhi Metro every day. While one should not begrudge anyone their moments of privacy or their love for music, the fact is 'iPod oblivion' can sometimes be very dangerous.
3. Recently I was travelling with my wife in the Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't too many passengers. In our compartment, other than us, there were only two women sitting on the other side of the aisle. I suddenly spotted a duffel bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly, a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked at us surprised. He took off his earpieces, lifted the bag and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.
4. We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all the while. He answered that he was in the compartment, leaning against the door totally immersed in music. He had no clue about what was going around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could still hear strains of the song.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- a) What reasons does the author propose for the people taking risks on the road?
- b) Why didn't the electrician carry out the work properly?
- c) Why were the people in the metro doubtful about the bag?
- d) Explain the term 'earphone addicts'.
- e) Do you think people who listen to music or use electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling in public transport are doing the right thing? Give reasons.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete any two of the following sentences: (1x2=2)

- Even though one should not be resentful of a person's 'iPod' oblivion' can sometimes be very dangerous.
- The youth had no clue about what was going around him because.....
- The author and his wife could easily spot the duffel bag as.....

2.3. Find out words that mean the same as the words /phrases given below. Attempt any two of the following: (1x2=2)

- in spite of (Paragraph 1)
- travel (Paragraph 2)
- absorbed (Paragraph 4)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30 marks)

Q3. You are Kartik/ Kamala of 59, Astral Streak, Indirapuram, New Delhi. Last week you came across an advertisement pertaining to 'Best out of Waste Course' and wish to join the same. Write a letter of inquiry to the Director, Wonder Hobby Classes, 412, Azad Nagar, New Delhi, enquiring about the course-duration, fee- structure, activities and other necessary details in 100-120 words. (8)

OR

You recently visited an important historical monument and were shocked to find it in a state of utter neglect. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper highlighting the poor condition of important archaeological and heritage sites in the country. Point out the lack of essential services, poor state of maintenance and its misuse by tourists. Give suggestions for improving the situation in 100-120 words. (8)

Q4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the clues given below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10)

Nabanita was about to switch off the light and go to bed when she saw a light outside the window. On close observation she realised that it was a fire.....

OR

The train gathered speed---- all settled---- a group of youngsters pushed in----looked threatening----sudden silence.....

Q5. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write down the missing word in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and after (1x4=4)

	Before	Missing	After
The phrase "go with the Flow" often thought to be of	a) .....	.....	.....
American origin, is in fact Roman. Emperor Marcus'	b) .....	.....	.....
Philosophy is based around the flow thought and the	c) .....	.....	.....
flow of happiness, and led him conclude that 'all things	d) .....	.....	.....
flow naturally,' and that it was better 'to go with flow'	e) .....	.....	.....

rather than try to change the natural course of events.

Q6. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences:

(1x4=4)

- bribery / through which / all manners / is the door / of sins / come
- live by / cut off / those who / their mothers / bribery / themselves / from
- necessarily / innovation / success / come from / doesn't / execution / but from / flawless
- a great / won't win / a game / strategy / or / a battle / alone
- the real / hardships / strength is / and / deciding / going through / not to / surrender

Q7. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers:

(1x4=4)

Narayan Krishnan, all of 29 years old now, (a)..... at 4 am every day, cooks simple hot meal and then, along with his team, (b)..... it in a van and travels about 200 km, feeding the homeless in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Krishnan feeds, often (c)..... almost 400 destitutes every day. And of those who need it, he (d)..... a free haircut too. He (e) as one of the Top 10 in "CNN heroes 2010" list.

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| a) (i) woke up | (ii) wakes up | (iii) woken up | (iv) is waking up |
| b) (i) is loading | (ii) are loading | (iii) loads | (iv) load |
| c) (i) with his hands | (ii) from his hand | (iii) by his hands | (iv) through his hands |
| d) (i) provides | (ii) is providing | (iii) provide | (iv) has provided |
| e) (i) is being selected | (ii) is selected | (iii) was selected | (iv) has been selected |

SECTION C: LITERATURE- (TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT)

(30 marks)

Q8. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only:

(1x4=4)

"Are we pinching it before Aunt Elizabeth comes?"

- What does 'it' refer to?
- How does the speaker conclude that her parents are 'pinching it'?
- Mention two reasons that Mrs. Slater gives for her action.

d) What is the reason for Aunt Elizabeth's arrival?

OR

Every day the frog who'd sold her
Songs for silver tried to scold her:
You must practice even longer
Till your voice, like mine grows stronger.

- Who is the frog scolding?
- What does the phrase 'for silver' mean?
- How did he sell her song?
- What does this tell us about the frog?

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: (2x4=8)

- How does the poet describe the atmosphere of the day when he saw the snake?
- What is the woman searching for in the depths of the lake in the poem 'Mirror'?
- Why did Patol Babu leave without taking money for the role he had played in Baren Mullick's film?
- "The incidental expenses are heavy," she confides in her friends.

Who is the speaker and why does she say so?

- The sailors are tickle-minded. Justify this statement with reference to the poem 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.'

Q10. Attempt any one out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words: (8x1=8)

Imagine you are Michael. Write a diary entry expressing your initial shock and then extreme happiness in learning about Sebastian's recovery. Also include your experiences with him during your journey through virtual reality.

OR

Mark Antony's speech at Caesar's funeral succeeded in winning the mob to his side which ultimately led to the downfall of the conspirators. How did he manage to do so? Discuss.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words: (10x1=10)

What impression do you form of the Gestapo on its way of handling the Jews after reading 'Diary of a Young Girl' ?

OR

Do you think Mr. Otto Frank was protective, supportive and concerned about Anne? Justify your answer with suitable reasons.