



- c) The writer advocates appreciation of nature .....
- d) Explain why the writer warns us to buy exotic and endangered animals?
- e) What kind of education about animals and the environment should we impart to our children?
- f) What do you think is the main objective of this passage?
- g) Give a suitable title to the passage.
- h) The word from the passage which means 'to stick firmly' is .....(Para 3)

**2. Read the following passage carefully :**

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1. After 'Digital India' and 'Make in India', the NaMo (Narendra Modi) Government launched yet another programme. This new programme, called 'Skill India' is supposed to be a multi-skill programme. The main goal of the programme is to create opportunities, space and scope for the development of the talents of the Indian youth and to develop more of those sectors which have already been put under skill development for the last so many years and also to identify new sectors for skill development. The new programme aims at providing training and skill development to 500 million youth of our country by 2020, covering each and every village. Various schemes are also proposed to achieve this objective.
2. The idea is to raise confidence, improve productivity and give direction through proper skill development. Skill development will enable the youth to get blue-collar jobs. Development of skills, at a young age, right at the school level, is very essential to channelise them for proper job opportunities. There should be a balanced growth in all the sectors and all jobs should be given equal importance. Every job aspirant would be given training in soft skills to lead a proper and decent life. Skill development would reach the rural and remote areas also. Corporate educational institutions, non-government organisations, Government, academic institutions and society would help in the development of skills of the youth so that better results are achieved in the shortest time possible.
3. What shape 'Skill India' will take and what it will do only time can tell. But no doubt it seems to be a good initiative - providing skills to people, especially because India is one of the few countries all across the world whose working-age population will be very high, few years down the line, going by its ever-increasing growth of population, as per the World Bank. It is also high time now, measures are taken to improve the physical and mental development of the youths of the country so that none of them remains unemployed and the country's unemployment problem also gets reduced. It is time to open up avenues by which the youth accepts responsibility and no one remains idle because an idle youth is a burden to the economy. The economy should concentrate on job creation and social security schemes. With this new approach towards skill development, India can definitely move forward towards its targeted results.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:**

**(2 x 4 = 8)**

- a) According to the passage, what were the three programmes and who was instrumental in launching them in India.
- b) What does the 'Skill India' programme aim at?

- c) How will the programme help the youth?
- d) Why is 'Skill India' programme considered to be a good initiative in a country like India?

**2.2 Choose the appropriate options for the questions given below: (1 x 4 = 4)**

- a) The word in **(Para 1)** that means 'preserve'  
(i) consume (ii) conserve (iii) reduce (iv) collect
- b) The word 'growth' can replace the word \_\_\_\_\_ in **(Para 2)**  
(i) achieve (ii) development (iii) training (iv) proposed
- c) The word in **(Para 2)** which means 'jobs that involve physical work'  
(i) productivity (ii) opportunities (iii) blue-collar (iv) soft-skills
- d) The antonym of the word 'concentrate' as used in **(Para 3)** is  
(i) focus (ii) distraction (iii) ignore (iv) inattentive

**SECTION - B : WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 marks)**

**3.** You are Sonal / Sunil of Vidyanjali Public School, Lucknow. You have seen an advertisement in 'The Times of India' related to new batches of 'Astronomy Club' initiated by National Science Centre, Lucknow, starting from the coming fortnight. You wish to join the Club. Write a letter to the Director, inquiring about the venue, duration, fee-structure, activities, transportation and other necessary details in 100-120 words. **(8)**

**4. Write a story in 200-250 words on the basis of the beginning given below: (10)**  
Rakesh had gone on a holiday for one month and when he returned, he turned the key in the lock and opened the door. To his horror, he found .....

**5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not rewrite the paragraph. (Answer any four) (1 x 4 = 4)**

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Educationists today are overwhelmingly concern about the future	a) _____	_____
of the youngsters. The common complaind is that students do not	b) _____	_____
study, they are not interested. Some blames exposure to media,	c) _____	_____
others feel that the present generation are not serious enough.	d) _____	_____
Thus, CBSE is committed to redesigning their syllabus time to time.	e) _____	_____

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write down the missing word and the words before and after. Do not rewrite the paragraph. (Answer any four) (1 x 4 = 4)**

	<u>Before</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>After</u>
Ten months, I decided to leave my native place and went to	a) _____	_____	_____
the United States of America. When reached there I suddenly	b) _____	_____	_____
found labeled as a foreigner. Gradually I discovered	c) _____	_____	_____
that a foreign student had problems he was from Japan	d) _____	_____	_____
like me or from other country. A foreign student had	e) _____	_____	_____
to work twice as hard as an American to succeed.			

- 7. Rearrange the following phrases and words to frame meaningful sentences:** (1x4=4)  
(Answer any four)
- a) brought up / have been / insects / to / we / fear
  - b) them as / creatures / do / than good / we / unnecessary / regard / that / more harm
  - c) contaminate / man's / diseases / they / carry / food, / or / his crop / devour
  - d) sting / fly / they / uninvited / without / or / bite / provocation, / they / into / our rooms
  - e) live in / not only / unpleasant / we / of / dread / insects / but of / harmless ones / moths / like / quite

**SECTION C - LITERATURE: TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT (30 marks)**

- 8. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:** (1x4=4)

And on the pedestal these words appear;  
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings;  
Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"

- a) Where were the words written?
- b) What do the words written on the pedestal show?
- c) Who called himself 'the king of kings'?
- d) Find the synonym of 'powerful' from the above extract.

**OR**

'And their triumph and rejoicing found a ready echo in the heart of Mrs. Packletide; already that luncheon party in Curzon Street seemed immeasurably nearer.'

- a) Who were rejoicing?
- b) Why did 'their' rejoicing find a ready echo in Mrs. Packletide's heart?
- c) What was Mrs. Packletide's aim?
- d) Find the antonym of 'failure' from the above extract.

- 9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:** (2x4=8)

- a) Why were the mariners angry with the ancient mariner?
- b) What were the qualities that made Ali a good shikari?
- c) How does the author of 'A Shady Plot' earn his living?
- d) What message does the poet want to convey through the poem, 'Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments'?

- 10. Answer the following question in 100-120 words:** (8x1=8)

Bring out the irony in the title of the play, 'The Dear Departed'.

**OR**

What problems did Helen, the ghost, cause in John Hallock's life?

- 11. Answer the following question in about 200-250 words:** (10x1=10)

Anne's relationship with her mother was never simple. What created the tension and discord? Why?

**OR**

The Annexe was almost a prison for Anne. How did it limit her life.