

SECTION A – (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

(8)

1. School used to be all about writing, whether it was the exercise books we wrote in or the notes we passed around. But not anymore. Now it's all about typing. Learning your QWERTY is almost as important as learning your ABC. So, when my daughter came home last year with cursive handwriting homework, I was nonplussed. Cursive writing was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a quill. By joining up the letters, it kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink blots. But my daughter writes with a laptop. I explained as much to her teacher at the next parents' day. But the teacher explained that research suggests that the process of writing information down on paper, by hand, has a more direct effect on the formation of memories in the learning process than typing. Taking notes in class is still the most effective way to learn. It's a better way to store the skills for written language in a child's brain than pressing keys. She went on to say, "But that doesn't mean that one should ditch computers."
2. Authors often write their first draft by hand. Whether it's to do with the pace of thought, or some kind of stimulation the physical act has, we don't know. But it's a fact. The French would agree. They love their handwriting. Teachers in France believe that fluency with a pen 'unlocks the mind' and children spend more time on writing than reading between the ages of three and eight.
3. We teach children the formation of letters and the appropriate joining strokes. But after a few years we leave them on their own devices, just as the written workload starts to increase. That's when the bad habits set in. But as proper writing becomes rarer, spending some time improving your handwriting is a good investment. In the future, sending a handwritten letter will be a display of affluence and class, which is why the sale of fountain pens is reviving.

1.1 Answer any four of the following questions given below:

(1x4=4)

- a) With what objective was cursive writing developed?
- b) The teachers in France believed that \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Which is the most effective way of learning in the class?
- d) What explanation did the teacher give to author on the parents' day meet?
- e) What does learning QWERTY mean?

1.2 Do as directed:( Answer any four)

(1x4=4)

- Find the word from the passage which means ' to be confused '. (Para 1)
- Give the antonym of the word 'believe'.
- The word 'affluence' (Para 3) in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) natural      ii) plenty      iii) income      iv) wealth
- Give the verb form of the word 'stimulation'.
- The phrase 'unlocks the mind' in (Para 2) can be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) heal      ii) conquer      iii) set free      iv) phenomenal

**SECTION B – (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

2. You are Mohit / Mita of Delhi Public School, Lucknow. Your school is celebrating 'World Environment Day'. Draft a notice informing the students to bring two saplings from each class. Invent necessary details in 100 words. (4)

OR

You are Siya / Sumit, the Secretary of the School Editorial Board. Your school is going to publish the annual magazine next month. Write a notice for your school notice board and invite students to submit write-ups, in about 100 words

3. Write a letter in about 100-110 words to the Principal of your school requesting him to arrange a self-defence camp for all the girl students in your school, for which you might have to invite an instructor. (4)

4. Fill in any four of the blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given in the box. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1x4=4)

- Indian children are massively (a)..... with their school curricula.
- Much of what they (b)..... expected to learn in school is mostly rote learning.
- The environment a child (c) .....raised plays a vital role in sculpting the brain.
- The wiring (d)..... the brain occurs mostly in the early years.
- Music, drama, painting and social interactions are (e)..... ways to stimulate the brain.

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| 1. (a) (i) overburden | (ii) overburdened | (iii) overburdens | (iv) overburdening |
| 2. (b) (i) are        | (ii) have         | (iii) have been   | (iv) had been      |
| 3. (c) (i) has been   | (ii) have been    | (iii) is          | (iv) had been      |
| 4. (d) (i) of         | (ii) in           | (iii) on          | (iv) with          |
| 5. (e) (i) greater    | (ii) the greatest | (iii) great       | (iv) greats        |

5. The following passage has not been edited. One word is incorrect in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided. (Do any four). (1x4=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Obesity has become blatant visible today, and is yet the most ignored	a).....	.....
health issue. Obesity exist in the same place as malnutrition. It could	b).....	.....
be state as "globesity" as the WHO has long before declared obesity	c).....	.....
as the prime major health problems of the world. Unless and until	d).....	.....
serious precautions are taken, they will pave way for more dangerous	e).....	.....
diseases in the human body.		

6. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. (Do any two.) (1x2=2)

- (a) in / formation / is a / phenomenon / of gas / process / the / of digestion / normal  
 (b) lead / to / lot / discomfort / it / a / may / of  
 (c) exercise / proper diet, / breathing / and / help in / techniques / this condition / relieving

### SECTION C –(LITERATURE: TEXT BOOKS)

7. Read the following extract and answer the following questions:

(1x4=4)

"Said the kangaroo to the duck  
 This requires some little reflection  
 Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck  
 And there seems but one but one objection  
 Which is if you let me speak so bold  
 Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold  
 And would probably give me the roo-  
 matiz!" said the Kangaroo.

- a) What did the duck want to ride on?
- b) What did the kangaroo mean by the word 'reflection'?
- c) 'And there seems but one but one objection.' What was the kangaroo's objection?
- d) What is implied by 'perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck'?

OR

"Remember they have eyes like ours that wake,  
Or sleep, and strength that can be won  
By love. In every land is common life  
That all can recognize and understand."

- a) Who are 'they' in the stanza?
- b) According to the poet, how can we win all?
- c) "In every land is common life." What do these words signify?
- d) Name the poem.

8. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(2x4=8)

- a) How did George and Harris react to Jerome volunteering to do the packing? Did Jerome like their reaction?
- b) Why was Santosh under pressure from her parents?
- c) 'Are fed by peaceful harvest'. What does this line from 'No Men Are Foreign' imply?
- d) Where did Prashant go on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1999? Why?

9. Answer the following question in 100-120 words:

(6x1=6)

Determination is necessary for success. Do you agree? Justify with reference to life of Sharapova.

OR

What does Jerome say about Mountmorency's ambition in life? What do you think is the contribution of Mountmorency to the packing?

10. Answer the following question in 100 - 120 words:

(6x1=6)

Do you think Prashant was a good leader? Do you think young people can get together to help people during natural calamities? Justify.