

SECTION A- (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

(8)

1. Driving down a busy road in my town one morning, I noticed a new fence, being built around a home, I'd always admired. The house, well over a hundred years old, faded white with large front porch had once sat back from a quiet road. Then the road widened, traffic lights went up, and the town began to look like a city. Now the house had hardly any front yard at all. Still, that yard was always swept clean and flowers burst forth from the hard ground. I began to notice a woman raking, sweeping, tending the flowers and cutting grass. She even picked up the litter thrown by the countless cars that whizzed by. The elderly gardener added an overhead rose trellis and gazebo. He painted it all snow-white and then the house to match with it.
2. One day I pulled off the road to stare long and hard at the fence. The carpenter had done such a magnificent job. I switched off the engine, walked over and touched the fence. It still smelt of fresh paint. I heard the woman trying to crank the land-mower at the back. "Hi!" I called out waving to the woman. "I have come to see your fence. It is beautiful." She smiled. "Come on in, and sit on the rocking chair on my front porch and I will tell you about the fence." I was suddenly overjoyed that I was on the porch drinking iced tea with the marvellous white picketed fence surrounding me. "The fence isn't for me," the woman explained matter-of-factly. "I live alone. But since so many people come by here, I thought they'd enjoy seeing something really pretty. People look at my fence and wave. A few, like you, even stop and sit on the porch to talk." "But you did not mind when this road widened and there was so much change?" I asked. "Change is a part of life and making of character dear. When things happen that you don't like, you have two choices: you get bitter or better." When I left, she called out, "Come back again and please leave the gate open. It looks friendlier." I left the gate ajar and drove off with a feeling of something deep inside me. I could picture the hard brick wall around my heart crumbling and in its place this neat little white picket fence was built. I planned on leaving the gate open for whatever or whoever might come my way.

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

(1x4=4)

- a) The house lost all its front yard when _____.
- b) Why was the narrator attracted to the fence?

- c) The woman was very hospitable to the writer when he approached her. What were the two things she did to make her guest comfortable?
- d) "When things happen that you don't like, you have two choices: you get bitter or better." How did the lady prove to make the right choice?
- e) What message does the narrator want to convey through this passage?

1.2 Choose the appropriate options for the questions given below: **(Do any four)** (1x4=4)

- a) The word 'yard' used in (Para 1) means
 (i) portico ii) barbed fence iii) flower garden iv) hedge
- b) The synonym of the word 'brilliant' used in (Para 2)
 i) magnificent ii) overjoyed iii) pretty iv) matter-of-fact
- c) The words 'partly open' can replace the word _____ in (Para 2)
 i) friendlier ii) ajar iii) porch iv) crank
- d) The noun form of the word 'admire' is
 i) admired ii) admirably iii) admirable iv) admiration
- e) The word 'faded' in (Para 1) means
 i) bright ii) stonewashed iii) dark iv) elderly

SECTION B - (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

2. You are the librarian of DPG Public School, Jaipur. You wish to purchase new books like dictionary, books on computers, story books, self-help books, etc. Place your order to M/s Munjal Book Stores, Nai Sarak, New Delhi. Write the letter in 100-120 words. (8)

OR

You are Patrick / Suzanne. Write a letter to the Manager, Oberoi International Hotel, Bangalore in 100-120 words to find out the rates for conducting the wedding reception of your sister on their hotel lawns. Enquire about the room charges, the catering cost per head, service and decoration charges.

3. 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)

- Formation of gas may largely depend (a)..... what,when and how we eat.
- Inevitably, a small amount of air (b)..... into the digestive system.
- More air can get (c)..... when we smoke, have chewing gum and eat fast.
- (d)..... could potentially cause some problems and embarrassment.
- Simple postures of yoga can go a long way in (e)..... problems associated with gas.

1. (a) (i) at	(ii) on	(iii) by	(iv) for
2. (b) (i) got	(ii) get	(iii) gets	(iv) getting
3. (c) (i) in	(ii) on	(iii) from	(iv) out
4. (d) (i) That	(ii) Those	(iii) These	(iv) This
5. (e) (i) prevent	(ii) preventing	(iii) prevents	(iv) prevented

4. The following passage has not been edited. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided. Answer any four. (1x4=4)

	Error	Correction
Some seniors are remember forever for their acts of forgetfulness.	a) _____	_____
One of my uncle, a 60 plus man, would pick up the phone the	b) _____	_____
moment it rang. One day the phone ringed while he was having	c) _____	_____
coffee. He rushed to the table, picking up the receiver, and then	d) _____	_____
placed the coffee mug which he is holding in his other hand against e)	_____	_____
his ear.		

5. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. Answer any two. (1x2=2)

- complete / listening to / at work / can help / happy music / quicker / tasks / you
- have shown / that / scientists / people / a period / judge / of waiting/ when / music / as shorter / is played
- listening to / before bed / can / fall asleep / music / help / you / less often / faster / and / wake up

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

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

“Caesar shall forth: The things that threatened me
 Ne'er looked but on my back; when they shall see
 The face of Caesar, they are vanished.”

- Who is Caesar speaking to?
- Where does Caesar want to go when he says "Caesar shall forth"?
- According to Caesar, why would they vanish?
- What quality of Caesar's character is revealed through these words?

OR

"And immediately I regretted it
I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed education."

- What action did the poet regret?
- Why does he say 'how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act'?
- Why did the poet despise his education?
- Find out the word in the above extract that means 'worthless'.

7. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: (2x4=8)

- How can you say that Patol Babu was very sincere and hardworking? Justify your answer with an instance from the story.
- Why does the poet, D. H. Lawrence decide to stand and wait till the snake has finished drinking? What does this tell you about the poet?
- What news did Nishikanto Ghosh give Patol Babu?
- Why is Cassius unhappy with Brutus' decision to allow Antony to speak at Caesar's funeral?

8. Answer the following question in 100-120 words: (6x1=6)

How does the story 'Patol Babu, Film Star' criticize commercialization of art?

OR

In the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' an albatross is killed by the mariner. Why does the poet D. H. Lawrence make an allusion to the albatross in the poem 'Snake'?

9. Answer the following question in about 100-120 words: (6x1=6)

Draw a pen-portrait of Mrs Van Daan as described by Anne in her diary.

OR

How did Anne describe the plight of the people in Netherlands during the Second World War?