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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has two passages for comprehension.
3. Section B-Writing Section has four questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section C-Grammar Section has three questions. Read the instructions carefully.
5. Section D-Literature Section has three questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A Reading Section (22 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

- a) When I learned that my 71-year-old mother was playing scrabble against herself, I knew I had to do something. “Who’s playing?” I asked one day when I saw a half-finished game on the table. “My right hand versus my left.” “Excuse me?” I said. “Well, your father doesn’t play, and I want to keep my mind sharp.” An admirable pursuit, but I questioned whether my mother’s solitary version of scrabble would achieve that goal. My husband suggested we give her a computer to play against. I wasn’t sure my mother was ready for cyber scrabble: It had taken 15 years to persuade her to buy a microwave. Nevertheless, we packed up an old PC, complete with scrabble and word-processing programmes, and delivered it to my parents’ home. And so began my mother’s adventure in the world of computers.
- (b) It also marked the beginning of an unusual teaching assignment for me. I’ve taught children and adults of all ages, but never thought I would be teaching my mother to do anything. Despite the look of horror on her face when she first saw our gift, my mother was eager to get started. She sat mesmerized as the screen lit-up and the various icons presented themselves. Slowly, but surely, my mother caught on, making notes in a little spiral book. I wondered how she’d fare without me. But thereafter, she only spoke about her game on the computer to me. She even forgot to ask her stock question, “What did you have for supper?” It was no longer on the agenda. Instead she talked about RAM, CPU – the terms spilled out effortlessly from her mouth. My mother had acquired a new mother tongue.
- (c) My mother isn’t the only one experiencing a personal-growth spurt. Thanks to the computer, my father has finally overcome his phone allergy. For as long as I can remember, any time I called, my mother would answer. Then, a couple of months ago, I heard dad’s gruff voice on the phone. “Why didn’t mum answer?” I asked. “She’s on the computer.” My father and I have had more phone conversations in the last two months than we’ve had in the previous 20 years. After a lifetime of being her child, I was finally the one with knowledge to share with my mom. But even now, I realize that she continues to teach me. I’m learning that no matter how old you are, a willing spirit is capable of anything.

On the basis of your reading, answer the following questions.

- (i) Identify whether the following statement is True or False. (1)
The author's mother played Scrabble with her husband.
- (ii) Why did the author and her husband decide to give her mother a computer? (answer in 20-30 words) (2)

- (iii) What does the passage reveal about the attitude of the narrator's mother attitude towards technology? (1)
 (A) She is very tech-savvy and eager to learn new technologies.
 (B) She is hesitant and resistant to adopting new technologies.
 (C) She is neutral and indifferent to technological advancements.
 (D) She is highly skilled in using computers and software.
- (iv) After the arrival of the computer, the daily conversations of the author's mother with her _____ (1)
 (A) Became more focused on family and personal matters.
 (B) Remained unchanged, with no new topics introduced.
 (C) Shifted from personal matters to computer jargon.
 (D) Became scarce due to her new interest in computers.
- (v) Which emotion did the narrator experience when she was supposed to be teaching her mother, something she had never done before? (1)
 (A) Excitement and enthusiasm about the new role.
 (B) Concern and uncertainty about her mother's reaction.
 (C) Frustration and annoyance at her mother's initial reluctance.
 (D) Indifference and lack of interest in the task.
- (vi) What does the phrase 'new mother tongue' imply in the context of the passage? (1)
 (A) The mother began to speak in a foreign language.
 (B) The mother developed an obsession with technology.
 (C) The mother began speaking in technical terms.
 (D) The mother started forgetting her original language.
- (vii) What lesson does the narrator learn from observing her mother's experience? Select the most appropriate quote. (1)
 (A) You can't teach an old dog, new tricks. (B) Where there's a will, there's an heir.
 (C) No man is an island. (D) You are never too old to stop learning.
- (viii) What would be an antonym for the word 'willing' as used in the paragraph (c)? (1)
 (A) Eager (B) Resistant (C) Compliant (D) Cooperative
- (ix) How does the narrator feel about the shift in her relationship with her mother in para (c)? (1)
 (A) Resentful (B) Grateful (C) Indifferent (D) Overwhelmed
- (x) What change occurred in the father's behaviour after the mother started using the computer? (1)
 (A) He started using the computer more often.
 (B) He began answering the phone more frequently.
 (C) He became more distant from the daughter.
 (D) He started avoiding phone conversations.
- (xi) What does the narrator mean by 'personal-growth spurt' as used in para (c) ? (1)
 (A) Exceptionally swift physical growth.
 (B) Increased involvement in hobbies and interests.
 (C) Significant development in skills and behaviour.
 (D) A sudden interest in science and technology.
- (xii) Which is a synonym for the word 'mesmerized' as used in paragraph (b)? (1)
 (A) Bored (B) Fascinated (C) Confused (D) Adapted

2. Read the following passage.

a) In the late 1990s, Royal Enfield, a famous motorcycle company known for its classic bikes, was in big trouble. Sales were down, and it was losing a lot of money. Eicher Motors, the owner of Royal Enfield, thought it was best to shut it down. But, a young man named Sidhartha Lal, the 26 year old son of the owner Vikram Lal, stepped in. Sidhartha loved motorcycles and believed he could save Royal Enfield. So, he convinced the company leaders to let him try, and became the CEO in 2000.

- b) Sidhartha observed that Eicher was involved in too many different businesses, which was part of the problem. He decided to close 13 of the 15 businesses, keeping only the motorcycle and truck parts of the company. Now, with fewer distractions, Sidhartha could really focus on fixing Royal Enfield.
- c) He spent a lot of time riding the bikes himself and found out they broke down a lot, were expensive to fix, and used old-fashioned technology. With this knowledge, he made two big changes. First, he changed the gear shift from the right side of the bikes to the left, which was what most other bikes had. This made Royal Enfield bikes easier to ride. Second, he decided to use aluminum to make engines to stop them from leaking oil. But Sidhartha knew that Royal Enfield was special for another reason: people loved it not just for the bike but for what it stood for - tradition, design, and a sense of adventure. So, he promoted Royal Enfield as more than just a motorcycle.
- d) This new approach really worked. By 2005, Royal Enfield was selling 25,000 bikes a year, which was ten times more than in 2000. In financial year 2023-24, Royal Enfield sold 9.12 lakh motorcycles, a 9 per cent rise over the sales of 8.34 lakh motorcycles in 2022-23. This shows not just how much money the company is making but also how much people love and believe in the brand. Sidhartha Lal's story with Royal Enfield is about more than just business. It's about how a person's love for something can help him turn a failing company into a huge success.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- (i) Eicher Motors considered shutting down Royal Enfield in the late 1990s as _____. (1)
 (A) The company was facing strong competition.
 (B) The company's sales were declining, and it was losing money.
 (C) There were safety concerns with the motorcycles.
 (D) The company wanted to focus on other products.
- (ii) Why did Sidhartha Lal make the decision to become the CEO of Royal Enfield? (1)
 (A) He was motivated by his passion for motorcycles and belief in the brand.
 (B) He was forced into the position by his father, Vikram Lal.
 (C) He wanted to liquidate the company's assets show more profit.
 (D) He was indifferent to the challenges facing Royal Enfield company.
- (iii) What was the impact of reducing the number of businesses on Sidhartha's ability to manage Royal Enfield? (1)
 (A) It led to a decline in Royal Enfield share of market in sales and marketing.
 (B) It allowed Royal Enfield to focus on its core products and improve quality.
 (C) It resulted in the complete shutdown of Royal Enfield manufacturing unit.
 (D) It had no significant impact on Royal Enfield's manufacturing and operations.
- (iv) Which two main businesses did Sidhartha Lal retain after closing most of Eicher's other businesses? (1)
 (A) Motorcycle and car parts manufacturing
 (B) Motorcycle and truck parts manufacturing
 (C) Truck, train and bus parts manufacturing
 (D) Agriculture and car tools manufacturing
- (v) Which issues were identified with Royal Enfield bikes during Siddhartha's time riding them? (1)
- (vi) Which significant changes did Sidhartha Lal make to Enfield bikes to improve their usability? (1)
 (A) He changed the gear shift from the left side to the right and introduced new engine
 (B) He changed the gear shift from the right side to the left, started using aluminum for engines.
 (C) He introduced new braking systems and improved the suspension in the bikes.
 (D) He added powerful engines, enhanced the bike's looks and mass appeal along with merchandise.

- (vii) The significant improvements that came in Royal Enfield's sales under Siddhartha Lal's leadership were _____. (1)
 (A) sales increased from 2,500 bikes in 2000 to 10,000 bikes in 2005.
 (B) sales increased from 2,500 bikes in 2000 to 25,000 bikes in 2005.
 (C) sales remained constant at 25,000 bikes per year from 2000 to 2005.
 (D) sales decreased from 50,000 bikes in 2000 to 25,000 bikes in 2005.
- (viii) What can be inferred about the impact of Siddhartha Lal's leadership on Royal Enfield's brand perception and customer loyalty? (1)
 Select the correct option.
 (1) Brand became less popular
 (2) Brand lost customer loyalty
 (3) Brand became known for design, tradition
 (4) Customers liked its projected sense of adventure
 (5) Bikes were overpriced
 (6) Traditional customer base enhanced
- (A) 1,3,5 (B) 3,4,6 (C) 1,2,5 (D) 2,4,6
- (ix) Which is a synonym for the word 'distractions', as used in paragraph (b)? (1)
 (A) Focus (B) Challenges (C) Diversions (D) Priorities
- (x) Which is a synonym for the word 'passion', as used in the passage to describe Siddhartha Lal's love for motorcycles? (1)
 (A) Interest (B) Enthusiasm (C) Indifference (D) Apathy

SECTION-B Writing Section (22 Marks)

- 3 You have registered your name for serving the underprivileged in a camp organized by a local NGO. For this, you are required to submit a bonafide certificate. As Shahana/ Sarwan write an email to the Office Assistant of your school requesting for the certificate. Give necessary details. Write in 50 words using clues from MCB Unit –People and your own ideas. (3)
- 4 Write a factual description of Lucia (sister of Nicola and Jacopo) as observed by the narrator in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. Write in 100 words using clues from MCB Unit –People and your own ideas. (4)
- 5 A You are Priyam/Priyank, a student of class 10. You wish to find out about sessions on career counselling that 'Career Forward' offers to high school students. Request information regarding topics covered during session, duration of session, number of sessions, counsellor's specialized training and experience, fees, one-on-one or group session, success stories or testimonials from previous participants and any other relevant point. Write the letter of enquiry taking clues from MCB Unit –Education and using your own ideas. (120 words) (7)
- OR**
- 5 B You have received an enquiry letter from Tanuj / Tanuja residing at 20, Seaview Appt., Mumbai. He/She has just completed B.Com. He/She wishes to take admission in a course offered by your institute to prepare for CAT exam. Write a letter of reply to his/her enquiry regarding the course, fee, timings, duration, conveyance and types of batches provided. You are Abhishek Bhatia, Director, Ashish Training Institute, 11/B, Ajanta Complex, Mumbai. Write the letter of enquiry taking clues from MCB Unit –Education and using your own ideas. (120 words)
- 6 A By 2050, India will be amongst the countries which will face acute water shortage. You are highly alarmed and terrified of the future world without water. Hence, write an article on "Save water- are we doing enough?" for the local daily in 150 words. You may use ideas from MCB Unit Environment, the hints given below and your own ideas.
 Reduce domestic water usage- promote efficient irrigation- implement rainwater harvesting- protect groundwater resources- educate and raise awareness- adopt sustainable water management (8)

OR

- 6 B *Ratan Tata's GoodFellows investment highlights the perennial problem of loneliness in the elderly. At a time when families are becoming increasingly nuclear and disjointed, bringing new sociological factors into play, it's the older generation that often has to face the brunt of things. -Vogue Magazine*

You read this news article about the changing dimensions of social norms as the elderly are increasingly left to live on their own, when their children either move out of their home or live in another city. This problem is bound to escalate as time passes. As a thoughtful person, you feel quite concerned for it. Write an article in 150 words for The Indian Express, highlighting issues the aging population of India faces. Use your own ideas and those from MCB Unit National Integration. You may use the hints given below.

Impact of children's departure-waiting for connection- bias against older people-changing demographics- need for community bonds- need for meaningful conversations- change in perception

SECTION-C Grammar Section (10 Marks)

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (3x1=3)
- for irrigation / recently / has increased / the government / the charges
 - are / regions / who / pay / there / cannot / farmers / in some
 - the state / but / will be / the same / the rates / across / charged

8. Complete the passage below by selecting on suitable word from the given options. (3x1=3)

It was a pleasant day. So we (i)_____ to go for a picnic. As soon as we (ii)_____ Nalsarovar Lake we decided to have some refreshment. We (iii)_____ get anything of our choice. So we decided to have cold drinks only and to have snacks somewhere else.

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|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| (i) | (A) decided | (B) thought | (C) suggested | (D) programmed |
| (ii) | (A) arrived | (B) reached | (C) crossed | (D) passed |
| (iii) | (A) can't | (B) don't | (C) couldn't | (D) didn't |

9. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that comes before and after. Then write both the error and the correction in the answer sheet. (4x1=4)

| | Before | Missing | After |
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| (i) | To write well, you have to able to | | |
| (ii) | write clearly logically. You cannot | | |
| (iii) | do this you can think clearly and | | |
| (iv) | logically too. If you not done this yet, you should train to do it. | | |

SECTION-D Literature Section (26 Marks)

- 10 A Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4)

*"Gainst death and all oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth ; your praise shall still find room,
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom"*

- What is the tone or nature of the line 'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity'?
It shows _____.
(A) fear of death and hostility (B) defiance against oblivion and enmity.
(C) warning about death's inevitable nature. (D) lamentation for enmity and hatred.
- Lines 1 and 2 of the extract can be summarized as -
The lines convey that despite (1)_____ and (2)_____, the person's legacy and praise will endure, ensuring recognition by future generations, highlighting the strength of memory and lasting impact.
(1) (A) success (B) challenges (C) time (D) love
(2) (A) death (B) joy (C) fear (D) doubt

- (iii) What is the central theme of these lines?
 (A) The contrasting nature of death and praise.
 (B) The importance of living in the present.
 (C) The struggle against adversities of life.
 (D) The fleeting nature of human achievements.
- (iv) Which figure of speech is used in the line '*That wear this world out to the ending doom*'?
 (A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Personification (D) Hyperbole

10 B '*I sat still, feeling pretty helpless I can tell you, and at last she barked: "What are you gaping at?"* (4x1=4)

I swallowed, though I hadn't been chewing anything.

"Nothing," I said. "Absolutely nothing. My dear lady, I was merely waiting for you to tell me why you had come. And excuse me, but do you always come in sections like this? I should think your parts might get mixed up sometimes."

"Didn't you send for me?" she crisped.'

- (i) How is the narrator feeling in the given passage?
 (A) Confident and in control (B) Helpless and uncertain
 (C) Angry and frustrated (D) Happy and excited
- (ii) What can be inferred about the lady's behaviour and tone? How does it impact the overall atmosphere of the conversation?
 The lady is _____; her behaviour and tone create a _____ atmosphere.
 (A) polite and courteous; warm and friendly
 (B) assertive and possibly irritated; tense and formal
 (C) confused and disoriented; confusing and unclear
 (D) friendly and approachable; relaxed and casual
- (iii) What does the speaker imply by saying "And excuse me, but do you always come in sections like this? I should think your parts might get mixed up sometimes."?
 (A) The speaker is concerned about the lady's unusual mode of transport.
 (B) The speaker is making a humorous comment to lighten the mood.
 (C) The speaker is criticizing the lady's appearance or manner of arrival.
 (D) The speaker is expressing concern for the lady's safety.
- (iv) What is a synonym for the word 'crisped' in the context of the passage?
 (A) Spoke softly. (B) Spoke sharply. (C) Spoke loudly. (D) Spoke slowly.

11. Answer the following question in 30-40 words. (ANY 5) (5x2=10)

- The narrator preferred to keep the secret which the boys did not want to reveal. What was the secret and why did the boys want to keep it?
- What did Mrs. Packletide mean when she said, "The incidental expenses are heavy."
- Draw a character sketch of the frog from 'The Frog and the Nightingale'?
- Why did Caesar's will infuriate the Romans? (Julius Caesar)
- "His eyes were filled with tears of helplessness, for his patience was exhausted, even though he still had faith." Why were Ali's eyes filled with tears of helplessness? What had exhausted his patience but not his faith?
- "My name is Ozymandias, king of Kings." Why does Ozymandias refer to himself as king of Kings? What quality of the king is revealed through this statement.

12. Answer the following question in 120-150 words. (ANY 1) (1x8=8)

A The use of irony in the title 'Dear Departed' is apt. Justify this statement.

OR

B Time is all powerful, time is sluttish- what does Shelley teach us about mighty rulers and the passage of time in Ozymandias?