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**General Instructions:**

1. The paper is divided into four sections.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Read the instructions carefully and answer the optional questions.

**SECTION-A (READING) (20 Marks)**

1. Read the passage carefully.

1. Everyone has a favourite attraction at an amusement park, and I am no different. However, unlike most people who seem to prefer Roller-coaster, my favourite ride is a little gentler. Every time I go to Coney Island, Navy Pier, or the Santa Monica Pier, I absolutely have to ride the Ferris wheel.
2. This Ferris wheel is simple and yet also quite complex. That is, riding it is easy, but how it works is complicated. A series of carts are attached to a wheel, which is attached to a rim. That rim rotates vertically around an axis, and gravity keeps the carts upright. As simple as the ride seems, only advanced engineers can make Ferris wheel safe and fun-filled.
3. While the Ferris wheel is not as thrilling as a roller-coaster, it is still very exciting. The fact of being high in the air makes it so much more entertaining than a lot of rides. I mean, how often do you hang from that high up in daily life.
4. Nevertheless, I have to admit, I don't seek Ferris wheels out because of their excitement. Rather, I find them very relaxing. At the top of the Ferris wheel, you get beautiful sights of the park. You also get a sense of calmness that you don't get in the hustle and bustle of the park below.
5. Additionally, Ferris wheels are also gorgeous to look at when they are lit up at night. In fact, the original Ferris wheel was designed as much to be seen as to be ridden.
6. The first Ferris wheel was made by and named after George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. He designed it for the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. It was the tallest attraction there, standing 264 feet high. However, visitors to the fair were impressed by the size of the ride as well as the mechanics of it. In 1893, anything that was not turned by hand was considered a sight to see. And the wheel, which was a machine, was truly incredible to see. Further, as one visitor put it, the wheel was amazing because it seemed to be missing support. That is, it did not look like it could stand on its own. And yet it did and even rotated!
7. Ferris wheel technology has only improved since then. Most of today's Ferris wheels are much larger than that first one. The largest in the world is the 'Singapore Flyer,' which stands slightly taller than twice what Ferris did!
8. Today, the Ferris wheel is the most common amusement park ride. But that does not mean you should take them for granted. Instead, be thankful for Ferris' invention. The next time you're at an amusement park, don't just look up at the impressive wheel in the sky on your way to a newer attraction – take it for a spin!

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

- (i) Which one of the following statements shows that the author's favourite ride is Ferris wheel? (1)  
(A) Ferris wheels are gorgeous to look at when they are lit up at night.  
(B) Every time he goes to Coney Island, Navy Pier, or the Santa Monica Pier, he absolutely has to ride the Ferris wheel.  
(C) He finds them very exciting.  
(D) Today, the Ferris wheel is the most common amusement park ride.
- (ii) The first Ferris wheel was designed for the \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
(A) Singapore Fair (B) Santa Monica Pier  
(C) Chicago World's Fair (D) Coney Island Fair
- (iii) It can be understood that Coney Island, Navy Pier and the Santa Monica Pier are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
(A) Ferris wheels (B) Vacation sports  
(C) Amusement parks (D) Roller-coasters
- (iv) What does one get while being at the top of the Ferris wheel? (1)  
(A) Excitement (B) Beautiful sights of park  
(C) Noisy atmosphere (D) Thrilling experience
- (v) Which one of the following supports the author's liking for the Ferris wheels? (1)  
(A) The impressive engineering and their beauty  
(B) The excitement and thrills they guarantee  
(C) The sights and relaxation they allow  
(D) The fact that most amusement parks have one Ferris wheel
- (vi) This passage was most likely written to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
(A) describe the author's favourite amusement park rides  
(B) explain the original design of Ferris wheels  
(C) describe the history of Ferris wheels and their popularity  
(D) explain the history of Ferris wheels and why the author likes them
- (vii) Why was the Ferris wheel at the Chicago World's Fair amazing? (1)
- (viii) How does a Ferris wheel work? (1)
- (ix) Find words from the passage that have the same meaning as : (2)  
(a) very attractive or beautiful (para 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) the force that attracts anything towards the earth (para 2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. Jurassic Park, a science-fiction film, opened to very positive reviews in 1993. Directed by Steven Spielberg, the plot is based on the story written by Michael Crichton. It is hailed as a landmark film for the way it has used computerized images.
2. The story is about the billionaire John Hammond's theme park that has live dinosaurs which have been created by cloning the DNA of insects that are trapped in the sticky resin discharged by certain trees. Suddenly, these dinosaurs start attacking humans inside the park. From this point onwards, the story revolves around a group of scientists trapped inside the park. This group is trying to stop the dinosaurs and find out the reason for these attacks. Lex and Tim, grandchildren of one of the scientists, are also part of the group.

3. Soon it is discovered that Hammond's rival has employed the computer programmer of the park to steal dinosaur eggs behind Hammond's back. To do this, he has switched off the security system of the park. This led to the release of the caged dinosaurs that are now all over the park. Unless the scientists switch the system on, everyone is at risk of dying at the hands (rather, teeth) of the dinosaurs.
4. One of the mind-boggling aspects of the film is the mechanical dinosaurs that look and move like real animals. This has been made possible with the use of a computer programme called animatronics. On the set, special effects give a real-life appearance to all their actions. This quality of animatronics had never before been used in film making and is certainly path breaking. Jurassic Park is also the first film to use digital surround sound. Patient research and experiments in film technology have made the making of Jurassic Park legendary.
5. This film has won several Academy Awards for sound mixing and visual effects. Jurassic Park is a collector's film and is a must-see movie.

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

- (i) A unique feature of the film is the use of \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
  - (A) live dinosaurs
  - (B) mechanical dinosaurs
  - (C) humans inside the park
  - (D) scientists trapped in the park
- (ii) Which one of the following is the closest meaning of 'mind-boggling' as used in paragraph 4? (1)
  - (A) so unusual that people find it hard to imagine
  - (B) so usual that people find it easy to imagine
  - (C) interesting for people to imagine
  - (D) usual for people to think about
- (iii) The dinosaurs in the park started attacking humans because the security system of the park \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
  - (A) was switched on
  - (B) was switched off
  - (C) failed to work
  - (D) was destroyed
- (iv) Which one of the following is the most suitable title for the above passage? (1)
  - (A) John Hammond's Theme Park
  - (B) Jurassic Park
  - (C) The Making of Jurassic Park
  - (D) Amazing World of Dinosaurs
- (v) Identify whether the statement is True or False with reference to the passage. (1)
 

One small human error can lead to failure of super technology.
- (vi) Which one of the following quotes suits the passage the best? (1)
  - (A) Cinema is the most beautiful fraud in the world.
  - (B) Movies are like an expensive form of therapy.
  - (C) Movies can and do have tremendous influence in shaping young lives.
  - (D) The most honest form of film making is to make a film for yourself.
- (vii) Which two factors made the making of Jurassic Park legendary movie? (1)
- (viii) As per the story of the film, how have the dinosaurs in the theme park been created? (1)

- (ix) Find words from the passage that have the same meaning as : (2)
- (a) the state of being free from danger or threat (para 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) scientific procedures undertaken to make a discovery (para 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION-B (WRITING) (24 Marks)**

3. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 50 words. (4)

(A) Your school has decided to organize a Charity Show for children living in an orphanage. You are the Head of Student Council of N. P. High School. Draft a notice informing the students to donate generously for the sake of humanity.

**OR**

(B) You are a member of the Health Club of your city. Design a poster to spread awareness about the need to adopt healthy food habits.

4. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 words. (5)

(A) Your younger brother has topped in the Science Olympiad. Write an e-mail congratulating him for his achievement and sharing your feeling of being proud of him.

**OR**

(B) You like celebrating Holi the most with your best friend Parva, who has recently shifted to Bengaluru. Write an e-mail to him describing how you missed him while celebrating Holi without him this year.

5. Write ANY ONE story based on given hints in about 100-120 words. Give a suitable title to the story. (7)

(A) king has a pet monkey – monkey was foolish – gets royal treatment – moves freely – allowed entry in king's personal rooms – one afternoon the king is asleep – monkey on watch – fly comes in – sits on king's chest – monkey tries to drive it away but it doesn't move – monkey gets angry – chases with a sword – sits on the king again – monkey hits with his might – king is wounded – monkey is thrown out – moral

**OR**

(B) a boy – performs poorly in tests – father gets furious – boy feels terrible – next day at school – stands with friends who have performed well – feels out of place in their company – resolves to work hard – performs better in next test – feels happy – father feels proud of his hard work – moral

6. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 150 words. (8)

(A) You are Komal Shah residing at B-14, Paras Township, Pune-411002. The garbage collectors do not visit your area regularly. People dump garbage in the open space in your neighbourhood. Such garbage dumps have become breeding place for mosquitoes and flies. It has led to unhygienic living condition for people living in your locality. Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India bringing to the notice of concerned authorities the urgent need for collecting garbage regularly.

**OR**

(B) You are Janav/Jinal of Surya Township, Anand, Gujarat. There is an increasing menace of stray dogs in your locality. They bark at night causing disturbance in sleep. They also chase people and have bitten a few old persons and children. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problems faced by the residents in your locality and drawing the attention of the Municipal Commissioner through a letter to resolve the problem as soon as possible.

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR) (10 Marks)

7. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, (4x1=4)  
the word that comes before and the word that comes after the missing word.

	Before	Missing word	After
Empathetic people sensitive to the thoughts,	(i) _____	_____	_____
feelings experiences of others. They are	(ii) _____	_____	_____
able to place themselves someone else's	(iii) _____	_____	_____
shoes understand how it would feel to be	(iv) _____	_____	_____
treated badly.			

8. Do as directed: (3x1=3)

(i) We make butter from milk. (Change to Passive Voice)

(ii) Mother : Why are you so late today?

Son : I met my friend on the way so we enjoyed tea at the nearby tea-stall.

Read the conversation given above and fill in the blank reporting what the mother and son discussed.

Mother asked her son why he was so late that day. The son replied that \_\_\_\_\_ his friend on the way so they had enjoyed tea at the nearby tea-stall.

(iii) (Use the suitable preposition to complete the sentence)

Another way of saying 'old-fashioned' is '\_\_\_\_\_ the times.'

(A) beside (B) behind (C) on (D) before

9. Complete the passage with the help of the options given below: (3X1=3)

Birds are vertebrate animals adapted for flight. Many birds (i)\_\_\_\_\_ run, jump, swim and dive as well. Some, like penguins, have lost the ability to fly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ have retained their wings. Birds are found worldwide and in (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the habitats.

- (i) (A) will (B) can (C) have (D) has  
(ii) (A) but (B) and (C) or (D) either  
(iii) (A) every (B) each (C) all (D) any

### SECTION - D (LITERATURE) (26 marks)

10. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow (ANY TWO) (8x1=8)

(A) *I saw a snake and ran away*  
*Some snakes are dangerous, they say;*  
*But mother says that kind is good,*  
*And eats up insects for his food.*

- (i) Who got scared and ran away on seeing a snake?  
(A) Mother (B) Father (C) Snake (D) A child  
(ii) Identify the rhyme scheme used in the above stanza.  
(A) ABCD (B) AABB (C) ABAB (D) ABBA  
(iii) What is the general perception about snakes?  
(iv) Why did the speaker run away on seeing a snake?

- (B) *My brother says there's a ghost in the shed  
Who hides under the rotten floorboards,  
And if I ever dare to set foot inside  
He'll jump out and chop off my head,  
But I'll take a peep one day.*

- (i) What does the speaker's brother inform him about?  
(A) The presence of rotten floorboards in the shed  
(B) The presence of mind that the speaker has to use  
(C) The presence of a ghost in the shed  
(D) The presence of many spiders in the shed
- (ii) Identify the figure of speech used in line 4.  
(A) Imagery (B) Simile (C) Repetition (D) Metaphor
- (iii) What harm will the ghost cause to the speaker?
- (iv) What was the brother's aim when he talked about the presence of a ghost in the shed?
- (C) "Some fire cannot be put out with water. If water is sprayed onto an oil fire, the oil will float on the top of the water and continue to burn. This can be very dangerous because water can flow quickly, carrying the burning oil with it and spreading the fire."
- (i) What can be used to control oil fires?  
(A) water (B) extinguishers (C) damp blanket (D) both A and B
- (ii) Which one of the following is the opposite of 'sink'?  
(A) sprayed (B) float (C) flow (D) spread
- (iii) What is an oil fire?
- (iv) Name two kinds of fire that cannot be extinguished using water.

11. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words (ANY SIX) : (6x2=12)

- (i) Why did the bearded man ask for the king's forgiveness? What did the king do to show his forgiveness?
- (ii) Where is the National War Memorial located? What is its significance?
- (iii) Describe the various sights that one comes across in the meadows.
- (iv) What was the need for Mr. Wonka to invent Vita-Wonk after the invention of Wonka-Vite?
- (v) How do the adults' too many instructions affect their children?
- (vi) What happened on Tilloo's planet when the Sun slightly changed?
- (vii) What kind of changes were observed in Timothy as he was growing up?

12. Answer ANY ONE of the questions in 80-100 words. (1x6=6)

- (A) Children are inquisitive and compassionate like Seven and Maya. Both the children put these qualities to good use. How can any child use these qualities to learn and enrich their lives? Discuss this with regard to your reading of the story 'Expert Detectives.'

**OR**

- (B) What similarity do you find between *the good old man* and *Mr. Gessler*? Discuss on the basis of your understanding of the stories 'The Ashes That Made Trees Bloom' and 'Quality.' Compare the ending of both the stories and draw a contrast between them.