

READING

(20 MARKS)

1. (a) (3) The unlimited variety of life that surrounds us
(b) (4) All of these
(c) (3) Only 1
(d) (4) Both (a) and (b)
(e) (4) All of these
(f) (4) Breeding cultivators with them
(g) (2) biodiversity, drink
(h) (3) dizzying
(i) (1) Conserving for Life
(j) (3) As a publicist he stood in the.....of reform.
(k) (3) 5 and 6
(l) (2) Prevents erosion of soil.
2. (a) (3) both (1) and (2)
(b) (2) is a zero carbon vehicle
(c) (2) a mobile phone
(d) (3) green phones
(e) (2) they direct the solar power to on electronic motor
(f) (2) pedal-operated vehicle
(g) (4) keep track of carbon emissions
(h) (2) abysmal
(i) (4) keeping houses warm
(j) (4) every sphere of life
(k) (1) 1573
(l) (2) by electrons from semiconductors

LITERATURE

(10 MARKS)

- 3.(A) (a) (3) the narrator (b) (4) 2, 5 and 6 (c) (1) F-1, 4 and O-2, 3
(d) (3) compass (e) (2) To thank him

OR

- (B) (a) (2) Ivan
(b) (2) Natalya is a good match for him.
(c) (4) He lived a very quiet and regular life
(d) (2) He suffers from attacks of excitements.
(e) (2) Option 2

- 4.(A) (a) (1) Amanda (b) (4) Both (1) and (2) (c) (2) Satisfied
(d) (3) she wants to be free to do as she wishes (e) (4) Metaphor

OR

- (B) (a) (2) To see the pirate (b) (2) were cowards
(c) (4) be cunning (d) (2) a plan to hide in a mouse hole
(e) (3) Bottom

GRAMMAR

(10 MARKS)

5. (a) (3) had (b) (4) plays (c) (2) has come
6. (a) (3) heard him telling (b) (4) replied that (c) (1) never told him why
7. (a) (3) to have been composed (b) (4) Ever since
(c) (2) Most (d) (1) suggests, be returned
(e) (3) Although (f) (4) lots of

PART - B

40 MARKS

WRITING

(10 MARKS)

8. 123/8, Sant Nagar
New Delhi -110065
20th March, 20XX
The Editor
The Hindustan Times
New Delhi

Subject: Craze for social networking-sites among youngsters

Respected sir/madam,

Through the columns of your prestigious newspaper. I want to highlight my concern about teenagers' growing interest in social networking. Social media is the rage today - you are bullied if you can't keep up with it. From pings and chat windows to pokes and emoticons. everything exists to bring people closer. It helps to learn new things, exchange ideas, hone networking skills and develop new perspectives.

As dark and light, yin and yang. there is also a flipside to social media. Its vastness defies control on the scope of information. Such a situation can lead to children reaching dangerous or graphic websites. Cyberbullying is another growing trend. It can have dangerous and potentially fatal effects. Australia suffers from a large number of suicides caused by cyberbullying.

Similarly, spending too much time on it can often lead to social media addiction, which can affect the ability to develop strong interpersonal relationships. Teenagers are at a vulnerable age and the avalanche of information can be overwhelming. The only solution to this is vigilant parents who must ensure moderate use of social media, ensuring that it is a boon and not a bane

Yours faithfully

Nitin/Nutan

OR

Fit & Fine Fitness Club

Gandhi Road

Ernakulam

1st June 20XX

The Manager

Messrs Pioneer Sports Co.

Kochi

Subject: Order for fitness equipments

Dear sir/madam

This is with reference to your letter dated 25th May 20XX giving details of the available products. We are satisfied with the prices and would like to order the following items:

S. No.	Product	Number
1	Go Pro Fitness Treadmill 1	7
2	Kamachi Multipurpose treadmill	7
3	Paramount Fitness cycle	2
4	Precor Elliptical trainers	7
5	Dumbbells 25,15,10.5 & 2.5 kg	5 pairs each

The following items should be delivered on or before the 20th of June between 3-4 p.m. Please send your executive to help assemble the equipment and also check their working condition. The balance amount will be paid within a week of it being checked via a transfer to your account. We hope you will adhere to the terms and conditions agreed upon and provide us with 15% discount on the total amount

Yours truly

XYZ

(Manager Messrs Pioneer Sports Co.)

9.(A) Rising Prices - Out of Reach

Life of a poor man is never easy but the past few years have been even more difficult. The prices of staple food items have been rising steeply. The table shows a comparative study of prices over three years.

The rising prices mean that most of the food is beyond the common man's reach. Since the table shows wholesale prices, their market rate must be more than double. When basic necessities cost so much, how is the common man supposed to feed his family? When parents cannot feed their children, they are malnourished and their growth is adversely affected.

In a country where rice, dal and chapati are staple foods, the skyrocketing prices mean that the poor cannot afford even one square meal. There needs to be a system where the prices are regulated and those who sell them at inflated prices should be dealt with severely.

OR**(B) Youth and Education to Bring Peace**

The most important requirement of any society is peace and its two most important tools are youth and education. In a survey conducted recently, it has been found that deaths due to violence has increased exponentially in the last nineteen years. Where the death rate in 1995 was about 2.5, it has jumped to 14.5 in 2019, which is a major cause for concern. Education and youth can bring the graph in control. An educated and responsible youth will create awareness amongst society about the harms of violence. They can help transform the anti-social elements by educating them. It will help people understand that crime and violence never pay.

Unemployed people get enticed by false promises and indulge in criminal activities. Once educated they will be able to get jobs and will no longer be led astray by people who incite violence for personal gains.

LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

10. (A) (a) Lencho's farm was completely destroyed by the heavy hailstorm. Not a single leaf remained on the plants or trees. Lencho was happy when rain started falling but when rain changed into hail, it totally damaged the corn in his field leaving him helpless.
- (b) Nelson Mandela feels that both the oppressed as well as the oppressor need to be liberated. According to him, the one who takes away others freedom is himself a prisoner of hatred. Thus, the oppressor needs to be reminded of humanity.
- (c) The underlying message for us in our busy life with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow' is that we should enjoy nature to the utmost and we should have a positive outlook even towards simple acts because they can lead to the learning of greater lessons of enjoying life.
- (B) (a) In his life as a thief, Hari Singh had studied men's face when they had lost their good. From his study, he had learnt that the greedy man showed fear, the rich man showed anger, while the poor man showed acceptance at any loss.
- (b) Bholi had never heard anything about school. She didn't know what it was all about. She remembered how their old cow Lakshmi had been turned out and sold. So, she was frightened to go to school as she thought that she may never come back home again.
- (c) Ebright's mother had encouraged his interest in learning. She not only took him on trips but also bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and all the other equipments that would satisfy his curiosity.
- 11.(A) (a) According to the poet 'fire' represents 'desire' and 'ice' represents 'hatred'. I agree with the poet as both have the capability of destroying life. Desire like fire spreads and hatred fills one's whole life with poison ultimately leading to death and destruction.
- (b) Anne's statement that no one could understand her intensity of love for her grandma tells that she loved her grandmother a lot. Moreover, the touching gesture of lighting one candle for her grandmother during Anne's birthday is also a touching reminder of her love for her grandmother.

- (c) In the 16th century, tea came to Europe and was drunk more as a medicine than as a beverage. Assam has the largest concentration of tea plantations in the world. There are large groups of women with bamboo baskets on their backs. They pluck the newly sprouted tea leaves from the plants and store them in the baskets.
- (B)
- (a) After many years, one day Matilda met Madame Forestier, who was surprised to see the change in Matilda. Matilda told her that it was all due to her necklace. Then Madame Forestier told Matilda that her necklace was false and cheap. That is how Matilda came to know the reality of the diamond necklace.
- (b) Other than science, Richard Ebright was interested in collecting rocks, coins and fossils and was also interested in star-gazing and astronomy. He was also a good debater, canoeist and expert photographer. Mr. Weiherer felt that Richard was interested in his experiments but also kept his mind open for other things and put in that extra effort to attain success.
- (c) Bholi did not want to go to school because she did not know anything about school. She became frightened as their old cow, Lakshmi had been brought out of the house and sold away. She did not wish to go to school but her father forced her and took her to school.
12. Maddie and Peggy are the best of friends. Maddie treasures this friendship and does not want to lose it at any cost. Maddie knows that it is unkind of Peggy to tease Wanda everyday but she does not have the courage to speak up and protect Wanda. Maddie is also poor and wears dresses that are hand-me-downs, many of them from Peggy. These factors make Maddie reluctant to stop Peggy from doing something wrong.

I feel that although it would have been difficult for Maddie to confront Peggy, she should have tried to do so at least once. This would have proven Peggy's friendship too. True friends understand each other and besides, Maddie too would have felt guilt-free. If Peggy was her true friend, she would have respected Maddie's opinion. Maddie should have understood that speaking up for the right thing would bring her respect.

OR

There are two legends associated with the discovery of tea. According to the Chinese legend, there was a Chinese emperor who always boiled his water before drinking it. Once it so happened that a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water. When the emperor drank the water, it had a delicious flavour. These were tea leaves. According to an Indian legend, Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep.

13. It is truly said that it was because of Mme Loisel herself who invited her doom. Mme Loisel belongs to a family of clerks. Her existence is quite average. They live on meager income, enough for basic needs, but not to fulfill her aspirations. She gets married to a clerk and is so caught up with her dreams of wealth and pleasure that she is out of touch with the truths of her real life.

In order to keep up appearances just to flatter her pride, she blows up four hundred francs on a gorgeous dress. Still not contented, she goes on borrowing a necklace from her friend. And, all of this is just to impress the wealthy and the rich with her beauty and glamour even if on loan. No doubt, her pride is flattered and her wish of fine dining, expensive dresses and jewels satisfied but at a great price. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost and the couple had to give up their entire inheritance and borrow as well to replace it. Repayment of the debt took away the next ten years of their youth. They live poor. All the household chores and cares of a life of poverty visit them. Hence, her disposition invites her doom.

OR

'Money cannot make a man as much as education can' holds absolutely true. However, one focuses more on money as it can buy all the luxuries and needs of life. Yet it is not enough to buy knowledge, civilised thinking, skills and abilities. Education allows one to keep up with the fast moving world and lays platform for all to work upon one's goals.

The above lines hold true in the story 'The thief's story' wherein a thief pretends to be Hari Singh to rob a kind and an honest fellow Anil. Anil, who is a struggling writer slowly starts educating Hari Singh while the latter is waiting for the right opportunity to rob Anil. After stealing the money, Hari plans to go away forever but cannot as he desires a life of respect which he could get if he stays under Anil. He prioritizes being literate over a certain amount of money. Thus, it is evident through the story that education can help us achieve our goals.