

QUESTION PAPER
ENGLISH

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the following text

1. The road to success is not straight : there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion. Speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called presurance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success! In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
2. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter ? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping stones.
3. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others. It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude of life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individually of a complete act executed with perfection, material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.
4. Success can be measured from two standpoints-the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

- (i). The internal measure of our success is the feeling of achievement :
 - (a) from the completion of task
 - (b) from the fulfillment of desire
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) Neither (a) nor (b)
- (ii). In para I, 'Unexpected challenges' refer to :
 - (a) financial problem
 - (b) health problem
 - (c) lack of time
 - (d) All of these
- (iii). "If you are ready, those bumps wil become stepping stones". Through this sentence the writer tells us to :
 - (a) ignore ups and down while working to achieve our goal.
 - (b) work with a proper plan to achieve our goal
 - (c) focus only on our goal and ignore all responsibilities.
 - (d) take all challenges with strong determination.

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(iv). Which one of the following quotes captures the central idea of the passage ?

(i) It is better to fail in originating to succeed in limitation. – Herman Melville	(ii) Success is not final; failure is not total. It is the courage to continue that counts. – Winston Churchill
(iii) The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same – Collin R Davies	(iv) Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. H.D. Thorease.

(a) option (i) (b) option (ii) (c) option (iii) (d) option (iv)

(v) Based on the reading of the passage, describe in about 40 words, how success can be measured. (2)

(vi) Select the option that makes the correct use of ‘destination’ as used in para 1. (1)

(a) We will reach our destination by 6 O’clock.

(b) She is working hard to reach her destination.

(c) Shimla is her favourite destination.

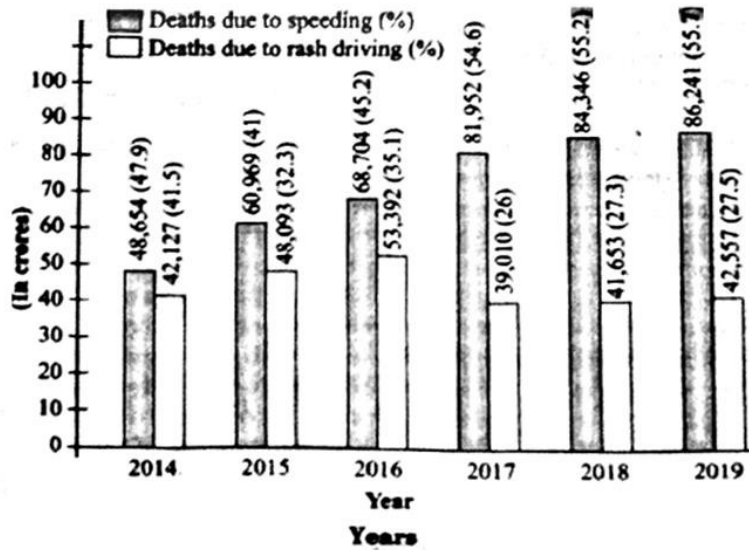
(d) The cinema hall is the largest entertainment destination in the city.

(vii) What is the difference between a disaster and triumph ? (2)

(viii) The synonym of the word ‘viewpoint’ as given in para 3 is (1)

2. Read the following text

- Over 80% of fatalities in road accidents in India happened due to speeding and dangerous driving a comparative analysis of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data science 2014 shows. While this careless corroborates the popular perception of how people drive on the road in a country where getting a driving licence is often said to be too easy. Experts said most of the fatal accidents are recorded by police under speeding and dangerous driving categories in the FIR as there are no other provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for such offences.
 - According to the latest NCRB report on accident deaths, 83.2% of road fatalities were on account of these two types of violations and the rest 16.8% of fatalities were due to reasons including drunk driving, bad weather conditions and mechanical defect. In 2014, when such causes of fatal crashes were first compiled, 89.4% of the deaths were due to speeding and dangerous or careless driving as per the police records and this was the highest ever.
 - “We face a host of challenges ranging from poor system of issuing driving licences to almost zero scientific investigation of fatal crashes, which are provided in the law. Most of our national highways and state highways, which pass through villages, have no pedestrian crossings. On the top of this, in all fatal cases, police automatically registers them under section 279 (negligent driving resulting death) of the IPC,” said road safety expert Rohit Baluja, who has been a regular guest faculty at Indian Police Academy, Hyderabad.
 - Confirming this, traffic adviser in Punjab, government, Navdeep Asija said in case of all fatal accidents, the provisions of IPC are slapped. “in IPC, any crime or offence has to be lodged against a human being and hence there cannot be any charge against a road, vehicle or any other object. That’s why police data may not indicate the exact reason of crashes. But it is also a fact that violation of traffic rules is rampant on roads and only electronic surveillance can put a check on them,” he added.
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5. Baluja said there is a need to define what is dangerous driving and the norms for fixing speed limits. “In Delhi, the speed limit is same across major roads, Year residential areas and markets during day lean time and at night as well. No authorities are held responsible for deficiencies on their part,” he pointed out. Through the amended Motor Vehicle Act has included a provision to hold road owning agencies, contractors and consultants in case of fatal accidents due to faulty road construction or design, the government is yet to notify the process for this.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

- (i). Based on your understanding of the passage choose the option that lists accurate speed limit rules authorized in Delhi
- (1) Different speed limits for major roads and residential areas.
 - (2) Same speed limit for major roads and residential.
 - (3) Same speed limit during day time and night time as well.
- (a) Only 1 (b) Both 1 and 2 (c) Both 2 and 3 (d) Only two
- (ii). Choose the option that lists statement that is NOT TRUE.
- (a) Police data may not indicate the exact reason for crashes.
 - (b) Fatal accident may occur due to faulty road construction.
 - (c) Violation of traffic rules is hardly observed on roads.
 - (d) IPC stands for Indian Penal Code.
- (iii). In the line “..... the norms for fixing speed”, the word “norm” DOES NOT refer to :
- (a) a model (b) a standard (c) usual (d) exception
- (iv). As per the amended Motor Vehicle Act, who else are held responsible for fatal road accidents and why ?
- (v). According to the traffic advisor in Punjab government, any crime of offense must be lodged against
- (vi). The data displays that the largest number of road accident took place in 2016 (True/False)
- (vii). According to NCRB (latest report) what are the reasons of fatal road accidents. Describe in 40 words.
- (viii) Which word in para 4 is similar in meaning to ‘Observation’ ?

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

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3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed .

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb in the bracket.

By this time next year, he _____ (complete) the construction of his house.

(ii) Read the given sentence, identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

A first Indian women physician Anadiban Joshi graduated at 1886.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(iii) Raj and Suraj had a conversation about the school trip to Mussoorie. Report Raj’s question. Do you know that the school trip to Mussoorie has been cancelled now?

(iv) Sarika is being interview for the job of a teacher in a school.

Interviewer : Why do you think you are suitable for the job?

Sarika : I am qualified for the job and I have passion for children and teaching.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Interviewer asked Sara that she was suitable for job. Sarika replied that she was qualified for the job and she had a passion for children and teaching.

(a) Why did she think (b) Why she thought

(c) Why did she thought (d) None of these

(v) Fill in the blanks in the letter given below by choosing the appropriate option.

Dear Mrs. Radhika, Despite (much/several/lots/infrequent) calls over the past three weeks to your office, no action (were taken/had been taken/ has been taken/ is taken) regarding the two abandoned cars parked outside my house.

(vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence.

In olden times when lives was simple he tried to dive deep into the beauties in nature for achieving happiness.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction from an analytical report.

The data clearly points out that, the students from public schools spent more of their leisure time in net surfing.

Option No	Error	Correction
A	Point out	Point Out
B	Spent	Spend
C	Their	These
D	In	On

(viii) Report the dialogue between head master and student, by completing the sentence:

Head Master : Good morning, students.

Students : Good Morning, sir!

Head master : I have some bad news for you. Some boys have been breaking windows of the building next to our school. Does anyone know anything about it?

The Head Master wished the students good morning and said that he had some bad news for them. He further added that some boys Windows of the building next door. He enquired

- (ix) Complete the letter given below by choosing from the appropriate options.

Dear sir,

The condition of the city roads proves menacing. The roads are littered with patholes and open manholes which Dangerous.

- (a) would be (b) will be (c) should be (d) can be

- (x) Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the paragraph.

Speaking to his daughter affectionately, father asked her to pass some salt. The daughter quickly passed the salt and praised her mother

- (a) if the delicious apple pie (b) that the apple pie was yummy
(c) that the apple pie is yummy (d) None of these

- (xi) Complete the line by filling the blank with the correct option.

A man in a restaurant asked a waiter for a glass, a dinner plate water, a match stick and a lemon wedge.

- (a) much (b) some (c) lots of (d) few

- (xii) Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

The experience of nursing an injured bird left me Grateful for knowing the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures.

- (a) feeling (b) having felt (c) felt (d) feels

WRITING

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- 4A.** Many students from different parts of the country come to Delhi to study. Finding affordable accommodation is the main problem faced by them. Landlords charge exorbitant rents and in some case refuse to rent rooms because of their different food habits and culture. The hostel facility provided by educational institutions is too inadequate to meet the demand. Write a letter of Local Daily in 100-150 words, drawing attention of the authorities and requesting them to take appropriate actions. You are Raman/Reveena, 12, Station Road, Delhi

OR

- 4B.** You bought a mobile phone from a reputed showroom in Indore but after a month it developed a serious fault. Write a complaint letter to the Manager of the showroom asking for immediate replacement of the same. You are Sudhir/Sudha, 123, South TT Nagar, Bhopal (100 – 150 words).
- 5A.** Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding the woman education. Write a paragraph in about 150-200 words to record the changes by interpreting this data.

	Female Education in Bilaspur	1995	2010
1	No of Girl's school	10	15
2	No of women colleges	3	4
3	No of students in school	10000	16000
4	No of students in collage	6000	10000
5	Literacy Rate	30%	55%
6	Distance Education Centers	Nil	03

OR

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Botanical Bounty is an Oregon based perennial farm that grows a variety of botanical. Medicinal plants. This family owned farm has been in existence for two years, initially operating as a hobby for the owners-who have training in plant biology-rather than as a profit producing business. Write a paragraph on the basic of SWOT notes given bellows, how they can establish a projectable business-

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESS
<p>Consistent quality : we consistent produce plants with high active botanical ingredient.</p> <p>Saleable Plants : We produce a high ratio of healthy (saleable) plants.</p> <p>Experience : Co-owners have a strong combination of business development and horticultural experience.</p> <p>Opportunities :</p> <p>Customer loyalty : Customers are looking for an ongoing relationship with one botanicals venders growing market : The market for supplement is huge and growing.</p>	<p>Lake of Funding. We will need to borrow\$ 1000000 in funds for the first year.</p> <p>No reputation yet : We have not established ourselves as reputable growers in the botanical marking yet.</p> <p>Threats</p> <p>Weather : A poor growing season due to the changes in weather can seriously affect production</p> <p>Pest : Pests are threat to our ability to provide healthy plants .</p> <p>Similar-sized farms : some similar-sized farms have been in business longer.</p>

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for Any one of the two gives :
- A. Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Flower had even read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a rooms. Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for aromatic adventure. Ausable was for one thing, fat, very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German Passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had bought to Paris from Boston twenty yeas ago. "You are disappointed". Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.
- (The Midnight visitor)
- (i) "Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room..... "
- (a) expansive abnormal (b) lighted; formal (c) damp : dingy (d) Uncanny; Smart
- (ii) Amy is an American women who teaches French and German in a primary school. This means that Amy is
- (a) an empathetic teacher (b) a rational human being
- (c) an experienced guide (d) a multilingual instructor.
- (iii) According to Fowler what a secret agent should look like? 2
- (iv) Choose the option that lists the INCORRECT statements about the given passage.
- (a) Fowler had no expectations at all from Ausbale.
- (b) Fowler was elated when he met Ausable.
- (c) Ausable was living in France as a spy.
- (d) Ausable had acquired the French accent over twenty year ago.
- (i) 1, 2 (ii) 3, 4 (iii) 1, 3 (iv) 2, 4

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- B Some say the world will end in fire some say in ice
From what I have tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire
- (I) Choose the correct statement about the given poem
(a) Fire and ice are images – they help the readers visualize the power of nature over man
(b) Fire and ice are symbols – not of natural disasters – but of human’s ability to create disaster of its own
(c) Fire and ice are elements – not of nature but man made and possess the ability to create havoc for mankind
(d) Fire and ice are agents – they change the thinking of mankind from negative to positive and bring harmony
- (II) The poem is a _____ put across by the poet
(a) powerful warning (b) heart-felt apology (c) earnest appeal (d) vengeful threat
- (III) How are fire and ice similar to each other though they have contradictory traits?
- (IV) The poet uses the phrasal verb – hold with
Choose the option that does not indicate a valid phrasal verb
(a) off (b) back (c) on (d) into
8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following questions, in about 40 – 50 words
- (I) Who does Leneho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation?
- (II) Mandela says that his country greatest wealth is its people and not the purest diamonds – Justify the statement
- (III) Comment on the teacher-student relationship shared between Anne & Mrs Keesing
- (IV) Would you call Amanda a disrespectful child? Provide reasons to justify your opinion?
- (V) Custard humbly accepts that other animals are braver than him
Give a reason to support your stance that humility is a virtue worth possessing
9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions, in about 40 – 50 words
- (I) Do you think the narrator’s division to not reveal the actual treatment to Mrs. Pumphney was unprofessional? Justify your stance
- (II) Why does the writer say that Griffin had chosen a bad time to be in London without clothes
- (III) Richard’s mother was his companion and spent a lot of time with him. A parent should try to be a companion to a child. Justify
10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100 – 120 words
- (A) Water must be kept on the move and made to do things; when static it is wasted and provoked. “Do you think this statement was true in the case of Misbil, the Otter?”
- OR**
- (B) Imagine Anne Gregory grows up to be a motivational speaker. As Anne Gregory, write a short speech on the importance of loving ourselves, you may begin this way
Dear friends,
The importance of believing in one self can never be overstated. It becomes most important, therefore to love oneself. I learnt this, as a young teen, the day a poet printed out that
11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions. In about 100 – 120 words
- (A) Readers believe that Griffin was a man without a conscience you have a class discussion on why our conscience plays a vital role in shaping our characters. Present a summary of your views on this.
- OR**
- (B) Attempt a character sketch of Great and Mighty Think Tank.
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