

**SAMPLE PAPER - 2****TIME : 3 HRS.****MAX. MARKS : 80****General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into three sections : A (Reading), B (Writing & Grammar) and C (Literature). All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**

1. **Read the passage given below carefully. (10 marks)**
  1. Man does not live by food alone. Water is vital to human health and fitness. Although it is not a nutrient per se as are carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals. It, in fact, is a key nutrient as no life is possible without it. Whereas we can do for weeks without food, we cannot live without water longer than a couple of days.
  2. Water approximates 60 per cent of the body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 litres. It is an excellent solvent - more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves varied products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic wastes and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions - some well known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vital. The no less important role of water is to distribute/dissipate the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to the other.
  3. Above all, water has a high-specific heat, implying that it takes a lot of heat to raise the temperature of water and likewise much heat must be lost to lower its temperature.
  4. Drinking a lot of water is an inexpensive way to stay healthy. Even excess of water is harmless. Water therapy - drinking a litre or so the first thing in the morning is kidney-friendly.
  5. The water regulation in the body is affected by hypothalamus in two ways:
    - (i) by creating the sensation of thirst which makes us drink water and
    - (ii) by controlling the excretion of water as urine. If water regulation fails, medical emergency ensues.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow :**

- (a) Water is vital to human health and fitness because:
  - (1) man does not live by food alone.
  - (2) it is an excellent solvent.
  - (3) we cannot survive for more than a couple of days without it.
  - (4) it controls thirst and excretion of water as urine.

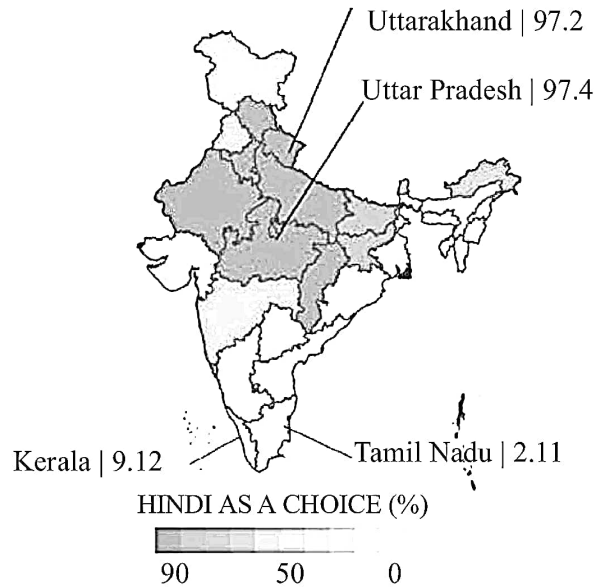
- (b) Water is called a key nutrient because:
- (1) it dissolves different products of digestion.
  - (2) no life is possible without it.
  - (3) it carries products to the rest of the body.
  - (4) it raises temperature of the body.
- (c) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 2:  
Water is an ideal constituent of the body fluids.
- (d) Water regulates body temperature efficiently as:
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| (1) it circulates easily.     | (2) it has high-specific heat.        |
| (3) it dissolves food easily. | (4) it has high thermal conductivity. |
- (e) What does the author mean when he uses the word 'regulation' in the last para?
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| (1) Official rule       | (2) Control                   |
| (3) Device for fair use | (4) Worn or used as per rules |
- (f) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
Water transports nutrients to the body.
- (g) Which activity is considered as water therapy?
- (h) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 3:  
Pitch : Throw :: Warm : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue : Just like to pitch is a synonym of to throw, similarly to warm is a synonym of to...)
- (i) Substitute the word 'sustain' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 2:  
This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting...
- (j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an inexpensive way to stay healthy.
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| (1) Water | (2) Minerals | (3) Vitamins | (4) Proteins |
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**2. Read the passage given below carefully.**

**(10 marks)**

1. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose English, according to the results of the 2011 language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.
2. Which Indian States are primarily Hindi-speaking according to the language Census?
3. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The given map shows the State-wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India - over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.

4. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north-eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.



**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

- (a) About how much percentage of population said that their mother tongue was Hindi?
- (b) Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication?
- Southern states of India
  - Northern states of India
  - North-Eastern states of India
  - Central states of India
- (1) I and II                      (2) I and III                      (3) III and IV                      (4) I, II and III
- (c) Name any two states or union territories that chose Hindi as their first language of communication.
1. \_\_\_\_\_                      2. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Hindi speaking population in Arunachal Pradesh is :
- lowest among the north-eastern and southern states.
  - higher than other north-eastern states.
  - lowest among the north-eastern states.
  - higher than other north-eastern and southern states.
- (e) Which state has a more lower share of Hindi speaking people than any other state?
- Gujarat    (2) Tamil Nadu
  - Kerala    (4) West Bengal
- (f) People of most states and union territories located in northern and central India :
- speak their own mother tongue rather than English or Hindi to communicate.
  - speak English as their first language of communication.
  - chose Hindi as their first choice of language for communication.
  - are divided in the usage of English and Hindi in their daily life for communication.

- (g) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
Over 96% of population in Southern India speaks Hindi as their first language of communication.
- (h) According to 2011 census data, most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India,
- (1) primarily speak Hindi and the rest have adopted it as a secondary language.
  - (2) primarily speak Hindi.
  - (3) have adopted English as a secondary language.
  - (4) do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted it as a secondary language.
- (i) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 1:  
Mnemonics : Memory :: Phonetics : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue : Just like mnemonics deals with memory, similarly phonetics deals with...)
- (j) According to the map, which state has the highest percentage of Hindi speaking population in India?

**SECTION-B : GRAMMAR****(10 MARKS)**

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (10 marks)
- (a) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.  
When the third entered the house, the inmates \_\_\_\_\_ in the hall.  
(1) were slept      (2) were sleeping      (3) slept      (4) had been sleeping
- (b) Read the conversation between Harry and Cobbler.  
Complete the sentence by reporting cobbler's reply correctly.  
Harry : Can you polish my shoes?  
Cobbler : Yes sir. But I will take 10 rupees for each shoe.  
Harry asked the cobbler if he could polish his shoes.  
The cobbler replied affirmatively but said that \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ work hard if you want to get good marks.  
(1) must      (2) might      (3) can      (4) should
- (d) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:  
Our soldiers are better equipped than that of Pakistan.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(1)	are	is
(2)	equipped	equip
(3)	that	those
(4)	of	at

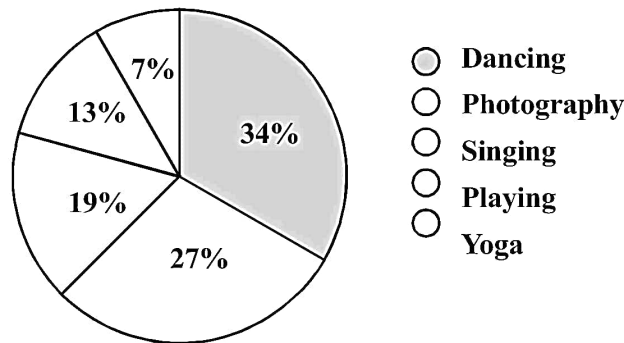


**SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS)**

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)
- A. You are Ranveer/ Raveena, Delhi Public School, New Delhi. You recently visited a significant historical site. You were astounded to discover it in such a condition of disrepair. Write a letter to the editor of a major newspaper noting the terrible condition of significant archaeological and historical sites. Highlight the lack of vital services, the poor condition of upkeep, and people's abuse of it. Make suggestions about how to improve the issue.

**OR**

- B. You are the president of your locality. There was heavy rainfall in your city due to which a tree fell down in your locality. Write a letter to the Municipal Corporation of your city to safely remove the tree.
5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)
- A. The given pie chart shows the data on hobbies of students during summer vacations. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words to analyze the data.



**OR**

- B. 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 basis of SWOT notes given below, how they can establish a profitable business.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<b>Consistent quality:</b> We consistently produce plants with high active botanical ingredients.	<b>Lack of funding:</b> We will need to borrow \$100,000 in funds for the first year.
<b>Saleable plants:</b> We produce a high ratio of healthy (saleable) plants.	<b>No reputation yet:</b> We haven't established ourselves as reputable growers in the botanical market yet.
<b>Experience:</b> Co-owners have a strong combination of business development and horticultural experience.	
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<b>Customer loyalty:</b> Customers are looking for an ongoing relationship with one botanicals vendor.	<b>Weather:</b> A poor growing season due to the changes in weather can seriously affect production.
<b>Growing market:</b> The market for supplements is huge and growing.	<b>Pests:</b> Pests are a threat to our ability to provide healthy plants.
	<b>Similar-sized farms:</b> Some similar-sized farms have been in business longer.

## SECTION-C : LITERATURE

(40 MARKS)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(5 marks)

A. The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the 'Jang jhang' sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground. He would greet the lady of the house with 'Good morning' and then place his basket on the vertical bamboo. We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket. (Glimpses of India)

(a) How did the baker make his musical entry?

(b) How would the baker greet the lady of the house?

(1) by saying good morning

(2) by saying hello

(3) by bowing his head

(4) by jingling the bamboo stick

(c) What is the antonym of 'vertical'?

(1) slanted

(2) straight

(3) horizontal

(4) diagonal

(d) Choose an option that states the meaning of the word 'rebuke'.

(1) a backlash of using an instrument

(2) to investigate something to a great extent

(3) an expression of disapproval or a scolding

(4) a scream to ward off something

(e) What did the author and the other kids do to look into the baker's basket?

OR

B. It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again. I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. (Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

(a) Who taught the real meaning of courage to Nelson Mandela?

(b) To author, the men and women risk and sacrifice their lives for:

(1) the sake of family

(2) the sake of an idea

(3) the sake of friends

(4) the sake of money

(c) The author defines courage not the absence of fear:

(1) but rather afraid of it.

(2) but rather the triumph over it.

(3) but presence of shivering.

(4) but rather reject it.

(d) The word 'resilience' means:

(1) the ability to deal with any kind of hardship.

(2) the ability to conquer the foe.

(3) the ability to dive deep.

(4) the ability to keep mum.

(e) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

People risking and giving their lives for an idea, braving torture without breaking, showing strength and resilience when faced with atrocities, simply defies one's imagination.

**7. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.****A. No use to say 'O there are other balls' :**

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down  
All his young days into the harbour where  
His ball went. I would not intrude on him;  
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now  
He senses first responsibility  
In a world of possessions.

People will take Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy. (The Ball Poem)

- (a) What does the poet mean by 'first responsibility'?
- (b) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract:  
privy : secret :: sympathetic : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue : Just like privy is sharing in a secret, similarly sympathetic is sharing in...)
- (c) Which figure of speech is used in the above lines?
- (1) metaphor (2) personification  
(3) anaphora (4) simile
- (d) Which of the following emotions does the boy feel when the ball goes into the dark water of the harbor?
1. Grief 2. Disbelief 3. Hope 4. Desperation  
5. Excitement
- (1) Only 1 and 2 (2) Only 2 and 4  
(3) Only 2, 3 and 5 (4) Only 1, 2 and 4
- (e) Which of the following is NOT a meaning one can signify with the word 'ball' in this poem?
- (1) innocence (2) irreplaceable memories  
(3) precious things (4) darker path of life

**OR****B. He hears the last voice at night,  
The patrolling cars,  
And stares with his brilliant eyes  
At the brilliant stars.**

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

- (a) Select one word from the extract and fill in the blank:  
To go around an area at regular times to check that it is safe is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Who is 'he'?
- (1) a lion (2) a tiger (3) a jaguar (4) a leopard

- (c) At what does he stare?  
(1) the visitors      (2) the bright stars      (3) the guards      (4) other animals
- (d) What is the last thing the tiger hears at night?
- (e) Why has the poet used the word 'brilliant' twice?  
(1) to create a sense of rhyme in the poem  
(2) to catch the attention of the reader  
(3) to lay more stress on the brightness of the eyes and the stars  
(4) there is no deeper meaning behind the usage

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4 × 3 = 12 marks)**

- (a) Mr. Keesing was a strict but kind teacher. Explain the truth of this statement. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (b) What does Natalya say about the dog named Guess? (The Proposal)
- (c) How did the young seagull try to catch the attention of his family? (Two Stories About Flying)
- (d) How would a life on a tower be different from a life anywhere else for Amanda ? (Amanda!)
- (e) Do you think the trees are justified in the revolt?

State two values which man should possess to stop the revolt. (The Trees)

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2 × 3 = 6 marks)**

- (a) How and when did Matilda find the borrowed necklace missing? (The Necklace)
- (b) "The two boys stared in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet." What did the bewildered boys observe while looking at these footprints ? (Footprints Without Feet)
- (c) Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh ? Support your answer with evidence. (The Thief's Story)

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6 × 1 = 6 marks)**

- (a) "So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter". What does this statement tell us about the postmaster? Was his idea successful ? How did the receiver react? (A Letter to God)

**OR**

- (b) Being impressed by Custard's feat, the young seagull's sister wrote a letter to Custard seeking advice on addressing the situation with her young brother. Write Custard's response to this letter. Base the advice from his experiences.

You may begin like this:

Dear Ms Seagull,

Thank you for seeking me out. I am humbled. Based on my limited experiences I feel... (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

(6 × 1 = 6 marks)

- (a) After reading the story 'Bholi' by the author K.A. Abbas, what impression do you form of the protagonist of the story Bholi?

**OR**

- (b) "Horace had some hope because she seemed to be amused at meeting him." Why did Horace feel so? Did he consider the young lady compassionate towards him? Did he find her free from biases? Discuss the values Horace should have imbibe understanding of the person. (A Question of Trust)
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