

SAMPLE PAPER - 03**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. Economist, ethicists and business experts persuade us that honesty is the best policy, but their evidence is weak. We hoped to find data that would support their theories and thus, perhaps, encourage higher standards of business behaviour. To our surprise, their pet theories failed to stand up. Treachery, we found, can pay. There is no compelling economic reason to tell the truth or keep one's word. Punishment for the treacherous in the real world is neither swift nor sure.
 2. Honesty is, in fact, primarily a moral choice. Business people do tell themselves that, in the long run, they will do well by doing good. But there is little factual or logical basis for this conviction. Without values, without a basic preference of right over wrong, trust based on such delusion would crumble in the face of temptation. Most of us choose virtue because we want to believe in ourselves and because others respect and believe us.
 3. And due to this, we should be happy. We can be proud of a system in which people are honest because they want to be, not because they have to be. Materially, too, trust based on morality provides great advantages. It allows us to join in great and exciting enterprises that we could never undertake if we relied on economic incentives alone.
 4. Economists tell us that trust is enforced in the market place through retaliation and reputation. If you violate a trust, your victim is apt to seek revenge and others are likely to stop doing business with you, at least under favourable terms. A man or woman with a reputation for fair dealing will prosper. Therefore, profit maximisers are honest. This sounds plausible enough until you look for concrete examples. Cases that apparently demonstrate the awful consequences of trust turn out to be few and weak, while evidence that treachery can pay seems compelling.

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

- (a) According to the passage, what do economists and ethicists, want us to believe?
- (1) Businessmen should always be honest
 - (2) Businessmen cannot always be honest
 - (3) Businessmen turn dishonest at times
 - (4) Businessmen are honest only at times

- (b) What did the author find out about the theory that 'honesty is the best policy'?
- (1) It is correct on many occasions
 - (2) It is correct for all businesses
 - (3) It is a useless theory
 - (4) It is a theory which seems to be correct only occasionally
- (c) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 2:
Businessmen are honest in their dealings.
- (d) According to the author, which of the following, is the reason for being honest in business?
- (1) It gives no immediate benefits
 - (2) It gives no long-term benefits
 - (3) It makes a person self-seeking
 - (4) None of these
- (e) Supply one point to justify the following:
The author says that one can be proud of the present situation.
- (f) Supply one material advantage which the author sees in being honest.
- (g) Which of the following phrases is most nearly the same in meaning as the word 'persuade' as it has been used in the passage?
- (1) Give an assurance
 - (2) Give an opinion
 - (3) Try to convince
 - (4) Cheat
- (h) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
Economists believe that all businessmen are dishonest.
- (i) Substitute the word 'conviction' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 2:
Business people do tell themselves that, in the long run, they will do well by doing good. But there is little factual or logical basis for this conviction.
- (j) Which of the following best describes what the author is trying to point out through the last sentence of the passage, "Cases that ... compelling"?
- (1) The consequences of business
 - (2) The contradictions in the real world
 - (3) Economists predict incorrectly
 - (4) The contradictions are unreal

2. Read the passage given below carefully.

(10 marks)

1. The ocean is one of the most unexplored parts of our planet, with a magnitude of undiscovered species and mysteries. It turns out from the studies conducted over the last few decades, this magnificent environment is under serious threat from human intervention, with plastics set to outnumber fish by 2050.
2. Marine life, as we know it, is suffering irreparable damage from the chemical pollution of the waters and the millions of tons of mismanaged waste dumped in the oceans each year. The result is a planetary crisis with over 100 million marine animal's lives get lost every year, and the decay of the ocean's ecosystem.

Shocking Ocean Pollution Statistics

- 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
 - 100000 marine animal die from getting entangled in plastic yearly - this is just the creatures we find.
 - 1 in 3 marine mammal species get found entangled in litter, 12-14000 tons of plastic are ingested by North Pacific fish yearly.
 - In the past 10 years, we've made more plastic than the last century. By 2050, the pollution of fish will be outnumbered by our dumped plastic.
 - The largest trash site on the planet is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, twice the surface area of Texas, it outnumbers sea life there 6 to 1.
 - China is ranked #1 for mismanaged waste and plastics. However, the US is in the top 20 with a more significant waste per person contributions.
 - 300 million tons of plastic gets created yearly, and this weighs the same as the entire human population, and 50% is single-use only.
 - There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic waste estimated to be in our oceans. 269000 tons float, 4 billion microfibers per km² dwell below the surface.
 - 70% of our debris sinks into the oceans' ecosystem, 15% floats and 15% lands on our beaches.
 - In terms of plastic, 8.3 million tons are discarded in the sea yearly. Of which, 236000 are ingestible microplastics that marine creatures mistake for food.
 - Plastics take 500-1000 years to degrade; currently 79% is sent to lands or the oceans, while only 9% is recycled, and 12% gets incinerated.
 - 1950-1998 over 100 nuclear blast tests occurred in our oceans.
 - 500 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally, currently the size of the United Kingdom's surface (245000 km²)
 - 80% of global marine pollution comes from agriculture runoff, untreated sewage, discharge of nutrients and pesticides.
 - 90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.
3. Almost 1,000 species of marine animals get impacted by ocean pollution, and we now have over 500 locations recorded as dead zones where marine life cannot exist. How did this happen, what is causing the most damage, find out everything above in the marine pollution statistics roundup.
 4. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a floating island of debris, accumulated in the North Pacific Ocean by an extensive system of currents called gyres. It is built up from two other waste patches, the western garbage patch near Japan and the eastern garbage patch near America's west coast near California and Hawaii.
 5. The North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone links the east and western garbage patches, acting as a highway for waste to move from one to the other. Because of this, a small item of debris dropped near California can travel across to Japan, then eventually get sucked up by these swirling garbage patch vortices.

6. The great pacific garbage patch size is quite shocking. These patches of trash are said to be twice the size of Texas and float on the surface but do drop several meters into the ocean in places, which makes the correct size challenging to measure. The world's largest garbage site is mainly made up of microplastics creating a vast cloud, with newer items of debris that haven't broken down as much floating around like chunks in a soup. The great pacific garbage patch effects on marine life are extremely significant.

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

- (a) In the ocean what is set to outnumber the fish by the year 2050?
 (1) pollution (2) plastics (3) human waste (4) garbage
- (b) List any two reasons for the following, based on information in paragraph 2:
 Marine life is suffering from irreparable damage.
 1. _____ 2. _____
- (c) The largest trash site on the planet, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is twice the size of which city?
 (1) Arizona (2) Colorado (3) Texas (4) Florida
- (d) Which country is ranked number one for mismanaged waste and plastics?
 (1) China (2) USA (3) India (4) France
- (e) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 3:
 Slug : Land :: Shark : _____
 (Clue: Just like a slug lives on land, similarly a shark lives in...)
- (f) Which of the following is NOT a place from where 80% of global marine pollution comes?
 (1) untreated sewage (2) agriculture run-off
 (3) discharge of nutrients and pesticide (4) factory waste disposal
- (g) List one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 5:
 A small item of debris dropped near California can travel across to Japan.
- (h) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE;
 700 marine locations are now recorded as dead zones globally.
- (i) Substitute the word 'irreparable' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 2:
 Marine life, as we know it, is suffering irreparable damage from the chemical pollution of the waters...
- (j) An extensive system of currents in the North Pacific Ocean is called:
 (1) vortex (2) convergence (3) gyres (4) debris

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 an online update.

My car _____ again yesterday. I should buy a new one.

- (1) woke up (2) grew up (3) broke down (4) looked down

(b) Read the conversation between a teacher and his student. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.

Biology Teacher: I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet?

Sameer: Sir, I have drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him _____.

(c) "We _____ definitely look into the matter", the officer affirmed.

- (1) need to (2) would (3) will (4) dare to

(d) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

I would _____ (forgive) him, if he had apologized.

- (1) forgive (2) have forgave (3) have forgive (4) have forgiven

(e) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

My little sister Lisa was practising how to ride a bicycle yesterday.

Option no.	Error	Correction
(1)	little	younger
(2)	was	were
(3)	to ride	riding
(4)	yesterday	previous day

(f) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

If I were you, I _____ him right away.

- (1) can dismiss (2) will dismiss (3) would dismiss (4) could dismiss

(g) Report the dialogue between Marie and Tony, by completing the sentence:

Marie: Did you see my umbrella? Isn't it fine?

Tony: Yes it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Marie asked her son Tony _____ and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one.

- (h) Identify the error in the given sentence of Lisa's brother.

Don't you feel some guilt after committing the theft.

error	correction

Use the given format for your response.

- (i) Garima shared some information, and asked a question to Karan about the film industry. Report Garima's question.

What do you mean by the statement?

- (j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the request of a person.

_____ you please pass me the science record?

- (1) Could (2) Would (3) Should (4) Need

- (k) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

Priya _____ apologise for the confusion that was caused yesterday because of her carelessness.

- (1) could (2) would (3) should (4) need

- (l) Identify the error in the given sentence to make it without free.

Much people are running after material comfort, though it gives only pain.

error	correction

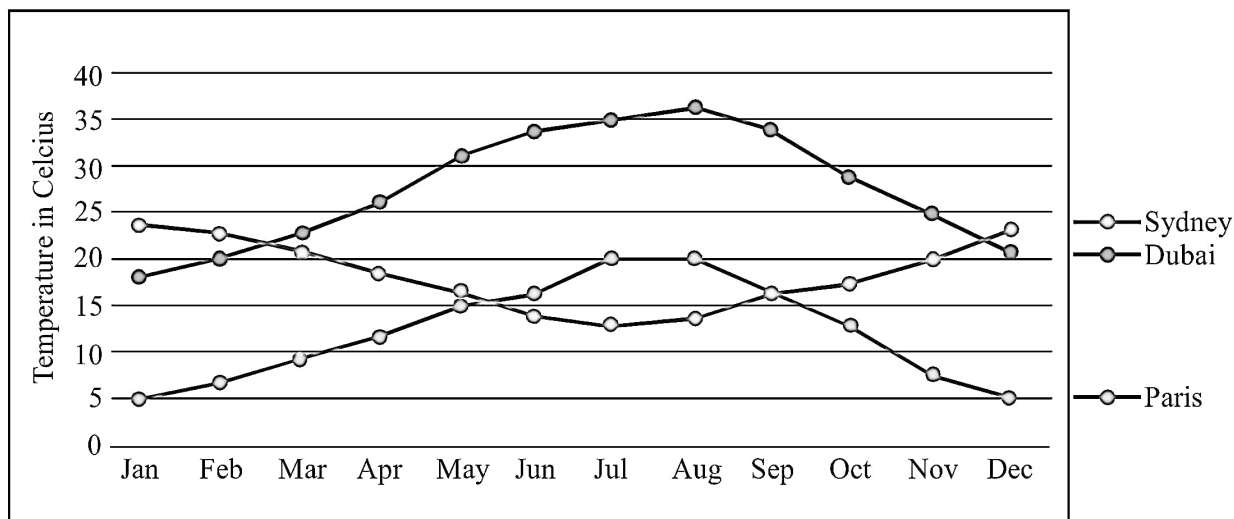
Use the given format for your response.

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS)

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)
- A. As a health conscious person, you noticed an advertisement in the newspaper on yoga classes in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the organizers enquiring about the duration of the course and other relevant details. You are Swapna/Surendra of 60, RK Puram, New Delli.

OR

- B. You are Chirag/Chitra residing in 1545, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi. You have recently witnessed a rise in theft and killings in your area. The criminal activities make you feel unsafe and the same you feel for everyone. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, drawing his attention to the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. (120 words)
5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 marks)
- A. The following line graph shows the average monthly temperatures in three major cities. Write an analytical paragraph on the basis of the line graph reporting the important information and making comparisons where relevant.



OR

- B.** Ice cream is popular all over the world. Radhika wishes to make a career in food service industry. Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing the SWOT of ice cream industry whether Radhika should go for this start up or not.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Owner has experience in food service Owner has many connections in the industry Owner willing to take an educated risk Owner willing to work for long hours	Owner has never run a business Owner unsure of tax and accounting practices Help from family is not forthcoming Must buy (not lease or rent) all equipment
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
Local area has lots of tourists No portable icecream vans being used Potential market for catering to parties / functions	Several restaurants offer take-away ice cream service Local government frowns on small businesses The ice cream market is highly seasonal

SECTION-C : LITERATURE

(40 MARKS)

- 6. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (5 marks)**
- A.** Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who'll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (a) What does 'quaking in its boots' imply?
- (1) Shaking with fear and nervousness
 - (2) Discussing something very important
 - (3) Creating a chaos
 - (4) Having fun
- (b) Why was the entire class quaking in its boots?
- (c) What opinion did Anne have about her classmates?
- (1) Fools
 - (2) Excited
 - (3) Lazy
 - (4) Sympathetic

- (d) What were they betting for?
(1) Meeting with teachers (2) Success in life
(3) Promotion to next class (4) Profit making
- (e) What is the antonym of 'kept back'?
(1) Held back (2) Retained (3) Preserved (4) Handed over

OR

B. The most fascinating thing of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. The sight of the bus, filled each time with a new set of passengers, was a source of unending joy for Valli. (Madam Rides the Bus)

- (a) How many times did the bus pass?
(1) Twice in an hour (2) Once in an hour
(3) Once every two hours (4) Once in a day
- (b) What was the bus filled with?
(1) Joy (2) Passengers (3) Curiosity (4) Valli's dreams
- (c) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text
Valli : Village :: _____ : Bus
- (d) Find a word from the extract which means 'never ending'.
- (e) What was the most fascinating sight for Valli?
(1) To watch the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town
(2) To watch children playing in her street
(3) To observe the things happening around
(4) To watch passengers

7. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (5 marks)

A. Did you finish your homework, Amanda?

Did you tidy your room, Amanda?

I thought I told you to clean your shoes,

Amanda!

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

(a) Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that Metaphor is the poetic device used for 'silence is golden ...' because

(Clue: explain how metaphor applies here)

- (b) The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does she wish to create by its use?

_____ I am an orphan, roaming the street.
 I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
 The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)...

- (1) Emphasis (2) Comparison (3) Rhyme (4) Humour
- (c) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 The extract in bracket is the dream of Amanda.
- (d) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of the lines given below is:
 'I am an orphan, roaming the street.
 I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.'
- (1) Unnatural (2) Scary (3) Imaginary (4) Legendary
- (e) The first two lines begin with 'Did you'. The literary device involved here is _____.
- (1) Anaphora (2) Metaphor (3) Simile (4) Irony

OR

- B.** Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
 And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
 Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
 And realio, trulio daggers on his toes. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- (a) What is the poet's tone in the extract?
 (1) thoughtful (2) descriptive (3) agitated (4) argumentative
- (b) Name the poet.
- (c) Custard doesn't have _____.
 (1) big sharp teeth (2) spikes on scales
 (3) mouth like a fireplace (4) daggers on his toes
- (d) Complete the analogy
 Mouth : Fireplace :: _____ : Chimney
- (e) Name the poetic device used in the last line.
 (1) Alliteration (2) Metaphor (3) Poetic license (4) Pun

- 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4 × 3 = 12 marks)**
- (a) The poet was sad and depressed. But one comical incident lifts his spirits. He is full of joy and happiness again. Based on your reading of the poem, write a paragraph on the topic - Happiness is relative. (Dust of Snow)
- (b) What differences came in Mandela's opinion about the meaning of freedom, when he was a little boy and when he became young? (Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

- (c) "The World is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world". Explain with reference to the story "The Sermon at Benares". (The Sermon at Benares)
- (d) What does the poet say the boy is learning from the loss of the ball? Try to explain this in your own words. (The Ball Poem)

- 9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2 × 3 = 6 marks)**
- (a) 'Money cannot make a man as much as education can'. Elucidate this statement in reference to 'A Thief's Story'. (A Thief's Story)
- (b) "A lawless scientist is a curse to the society." Discuss. (Footprints without Feet)
- (c) On inability to accept our circumstances may lead to an unhappy life. Explain with reference to the story "The Necklace". (The Necklace)

- 10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6 × 1 = 6 marks)**
- (a) "I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter." In the light of this statement describe Lencho's character.

OR

- (b) Today's world is conflict ridden. People fight over various issues and there is no peace in the world. Explain/Describe based on your reading of the poem 'Fire' and 'Ice'. (Fire and Ice)

- 11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6 × 1 = 6 marks)**
- (a) How do you assess Anne's character? (From the diary of Anne Frank)

OR

- (b) "Horace Danby was clever but the young woman was cleverer". Discuss. (A Question of Trust)
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