

**Instructions:** The question paper is divided into three sections.  
 Section A : Reading  
 Section B : Writing & Grammar  
 Section C : Literature  
 This question paper contains four printed pages.

### SECTION – A (READING)

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)**

Plastics form an important class of synthetics. Plastics are also polymers. Since most plastics can be easily molded into any shape after heating, they are used for making a variety of objects of different shapes and sizes. Plastics are poor conductors of heat which makes them suitable for making handles of cooking vessels, for use in refrigerators, and for making containers used in microwave ovens.

Plastics are also poor conductors of electricity and that is why they are used as covering materials in electrical appliances like chords and wiring. Plastics are insoluble in water and therefore used for making bottles, buckets and other containers. Most plastics are inflammable. However they do not corrode or rust and so are mostly used in homes and laboratories.

Despite the many different uses of plastics, there are environmental and health hazards associated with their disposal. This is because plastics are non biodegradable. Accumulation of plastics is considered a serious problem because most of the methods used to dispose them off result in some type of damage to the environment. Though somewhere between 500 million and one trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year, most plastic wastes end up littering roadsides and form ugly dumps that harbour many disease causing organisms. Plastics dumped in water bodies pose a threat to aquatic life, plastics that get buried prevent rain water from seeping into the ground. This affects the growth of plants. When plastics are burnt, they produce toxic gases and smoke.

Hence, reducing the usage of plastics and recycling plastic objects and using biodegradable environmental friendly plastics is the only solution.

- Plastic is useful because it is \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- Plastics are mostly used at homes and laboratories because they \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- Plastics pose serious environmental and health problems when we try to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Plastics dumped in lakes and rivers \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- The word 'seeping' means the same as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Burning of plastics is very risky as they \_\_\_\_\_.
- This problem can be partly solved by \_\_\_\_\_.
- The best and the only solution is by using \_\_\_\_\_ plastics.

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)**

Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or the faster man, but sooner or later the man who wins is

the man, who thinks he can. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve, and your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically have the power to fashion your faith and decide your destiny. Your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and the prime source of your success. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.

Faith in yourself, confidence that you can and will succeed is the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and slender things you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously ceasing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desires.

Thoughts are supreme. Preserve a right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success. If your desire is weak and efforts are erratic, achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But if you go after your goal with the single mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be defined, clear cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed time frame so that your definite energies and efforts can be focused and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in a sentence:

- a) How do ideas rule the world?
- b) What do you have to do to rise and win a prize?
- c) What is the key to your success in any venture?
- d) What must you do to achieve your goal?

1.2 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

- a) What is the key to one's success?
- b) When can no one stop one in achieving one's goal?

1.3 Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option:

- a) The correct meaning of the word 'fleeting' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) running on skates      (ii) passing quickly      (iii) squinting      (iv) beating hard
- b) The word that does not mean the same as 'persevere' is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) save      (ii) conserve      (iii) abandon      (iv) protect

### **SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**Q3.** You are the store incharge of B.P.J Senior Secondary School, Meerut. You require various items of furniture such as chairs, desks, almirahs etc. for your school. Mentioning the details of the items, write a letter to M/S Chadda Furniture House, 15, Karol bagh, Delhi placing the order for furniture. Ask for the discount available on the purchase. (8)

OR

You are Sunita / Suraj of 4, Grantroad, Mumbai. You need accommodation for yourself. Write a letter to the manager of paying guest service, 15, Aditya Complex Dadar, Mumbai, enquiring about the details such as type of accommodation, monthly charges, facilities provided.

Q4. I hit a six and the ball flew over the wall. It was an old, derelict building. As I went to get the ball, I saw.....

Make up a story in about 150 to 200 words about what happened when you jumped over the wall to get the ball.

OR

As Ritu moved out of the mall, she realised that her younger brother was left behind. She ran back to the shop she had visited last.....

Complete the above story in 150 to 200 words.

Q5. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate phrase/word from the given options. (4)

Man is the only home making animal. He alone enjoys the warmth of his hearth and family circle. Man has evolved (a) \_\_\_\_\_ tree dwelling to the modern. Primitive man was the master of his humble hut, which, for him was his castle. Then, there were the gardens, barns, poultry, cattle sheds and so on. The house itself had different portions, spacious enough for all family members (b) \_\_\_\_\_ move about. These villas (c) \_\_\_\_\_ recently were popular. Even today we (d) \_\_\_\_\_ come across these villas in the countryside. But nowadays, due to space problems, building such a house is a distant dream

- a) i) since ii) from iii) to iv) into  
b) i) can ii) may iii) could iv) to  
c) i) till ii) until iii) upto iv) since  
d) i) should ii) may iii) might iv) will

Q6. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4)

- a) students / used by /are being/social networks/as a/tool/communication  
b) familiarize / with this/have begun/teachers/themselves/to/trend  
c) create groups / and extend/this forum/they/classroom discussions/to  
d) a great danger / but the/ wrong/can be/to/the nation/ use of communication

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction: (4)

	Error	Correction
Finally, one day, Sunita ran out in patience.	a) _____	_____
Enough was enough. He decided to affront	b) _____	_____
Suruchi. She asked her why she was been nasty	c) _____	_____
to her. She had done nothing to offend you.	d) _____	_____

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

(4)

"He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of Velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage."

- Who is 'he' here?
- How does 'he' walk?
- What emotion does 'he' show and how?
- Name the poem and the poet.

OR

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments and to several other classes as well. Since then I have been allowed to talk ok and haven't been assigned any extra homework. On the contrary, Mr. Keesing's always making jokes these days.

- Why does Anne say that the poem was beautiful?
- How did Mr. Keesing react to it?
- What changes came in Mr. Keesing's behaviour towards Anne after he had read the poem?
- Which word in the passage means the same as 'giving a particular job to somebody'?

Q9. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each:

(10)

- Nelson Mandela felt that both the oppressor and the oppressed need to be liberated. How did he justify his statement?
- How was the pilot in the story 'Black Aeroplane' successful in coming out of the stormy clouds?
- What impression do you form of Wanda Petronski on the basis of reading the lesson 'The Hundred Dresses'?
- What was Tricki's ailment? How did it worry Mrs. Pumphrey?
- Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable? Why was he disappointed?

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 to 150 words:

(8)

- 'A Baker from Goa' describes the culture of Goa, when bakers used to ride high in the social ambience. Write a note on this aspect of Goa.
- You are Wanda. You are deeply hurt by the behaviour of your classmates. Express your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-150 words:

(8)

- Griffin was not a true scientist as he misused his Discovery. Illustrate this by giving two incidents from the story.
- What makes the thief return to Anil even though he had stolen the money and had escaped?