

**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into two sections: A and B. 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.

PART – A (40 Marks)
READING 20 Marks**1. Read the passage given below.**

1. Reality television is a genre of television programming which, it is claimed, presents unscripted dramatic or humorous situations, documents actual events, and features ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial or „heightened“ documentary. Although the genre has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, the current explosion of popularity dates from around 2000.

2. Reality television covers a wide range of television programming formats, from game or quiz shows which resemble the frantic, often demeaning programmes produced in Japan in the 1980s and 1990s (a modern example is Gaki no tsukai), to surveillance- or voyeurism- focused productions such as Big Brother.

3. Critics say that the term „reality television“ is somewhat of a misnomer and that such shows frequently portray a modified and highly influenced form of reality, with participants put in exotic locations or abnormal situations, sometimes coached to act in certain ways by off-screen handlers, and with events on screen manipulated through editing and other post-production techniques.

4. Part of reality television's appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. For example, on the ABC show, The Bachelor, an eligible male dates a dozen women simultaneously, travelling on extraordinary dates to scenic locales. Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities, outwardly in talent and performance programs such as Pop Idol, though frequently Survivor and Big Brother participants also reach some degree of celebrity.

5. Some commentators have said that the name "reality television" is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition-based programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, and other special-living-environment shows like The Real World, the producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment, creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviours and conflicts. Mark Burnett, creator of Survivor and other reality shows, has agreed with this assessment, and avoids the word "reality" to describe his shows; he has said, "I tell good stories. It really is not reality TV. It really is unscripted drama."

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve questions that follow. (1 × 10 = 10)

(i) In the first line, the writer says 'it is claimed' because

- (a) they agree with the statement.
- (b) everyone agrees with the statement.
- (c) no one agrees with the statement.
- (d) they want to distance themselves from the statement.



(ii) Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “reality television”?

Statement I: The current popularity of reality TV dates back to 2000

Statement II: Reality TV can be described as scripted drama.

- (a) Statement I is correct
- (b) Statement II is correct
- (c) Both statement I and II are correct
- (d) Neither statement I nor statement II is correct

(iii) In the sentence, “creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out”,

“fabricated” is a/ an: _____

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Noun
- (d) Verb

(iv) _____ refers to something that is misleading, contradictory or inaccurate.

- (a) Artificial
- (b) Manipulated
- (c) Conflicts
- (d) Misnomer

(v) The functions of the producers of reality TV are _____

- (a) selecting the participants
- (b) designing different scenarios
- (c) encourage particular behaviour
- (d) all of the above

(vi) Japan is the only place which has

- (a) produced dignified TV shows.
- (b) produced demeaning TV shows copied elsewhere.
- (c) produced Big Brother.
- (d) invented surveillance focused productions.

(vii) People have criticised reality television because

- (a) it is demeaning.
- (b) it uses exotic locations.
- (c) the name is inaccurate.
- (d) it shows reality.

**(viii) Reality TV appeals to some because**

- (a) it shows eligible males helping women.
- (b) it uses exotic locations.
- (c) it shows average people in exceptional circumstances.
- (d) it can turn ordinary people into celebrities.

(ix) The term 'reality television' is inaccurate

- (a) for all programs.
- (b) just for Big Brother and Survivor.
- (c) for talent and performance programs.
- (d) for special-living-environment programs.

(x) Producers choose the participants

- (a) on the ground of talent.
- (b) only for special-living-environment shows.
- (c) to create conflict among other things.
- (d) to make a fabricated world.

(xi) Mark Burnett

- (a) was a participant on Survivor.
- (b) is a critic of reality TV.
- (c) thinks the term 'reality television' is inaccurate.
- (d) writes the script for Survivor.

(xii) Shows like Survivor

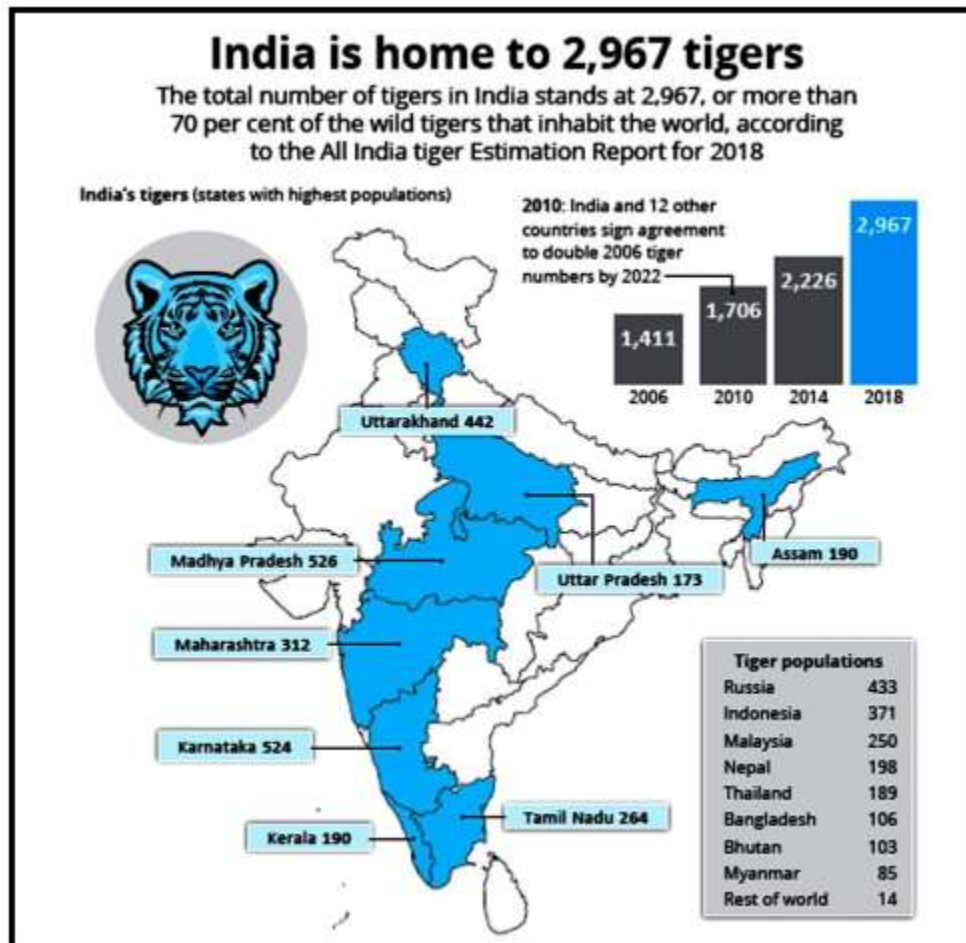
- (a) are definitely reality TV.
- (b) are scripted.
- (c) have good narratives.
- (d) are theatre.

2. Read the passage given below.

1. Here's good news for tiger conservationists, tiger authorities and wildlife lovers celebrating International Tiger Day. According to the latest census of 2018 released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on International Tiger Day, India is home to 2,967 tigers. What makes this figure significant is that it is an increase by a third as compared to 2014 and more than double as compared to 2006. The latest census also reveals the states with the highest tiger populations

and those with the lower ones, along with the economic value (pegged between 4200 crores to 16000 crores annually) of tiger reserves in the country.

See the given infographic.



2. The latest tiger census is very encouraging, and points to the successful strategies, methods and techniques being adopted and pursued by wildlife authorities and wildlife conservationists to protect the tiger.

3. The tiger census 2018 was taken after a painstaking 15 months" work where the forest officials surveyed 3, 81,400 sq km of forested habitats. During the same period of time, they also installed 26,760 camera traps, with wildlife biologists going through 35 million images of wildlife. Of this astounding number of images, 76,523 were those of tigers. It is estimated that almost 83% of the entire tiger population was represented in these images.

4. The figures are certainly cause for enthusiasm, and a great deal of it was reflected in the address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on International Tiger Day. In it, he also stressed on the need for striking a healthy balance between development and environment.

5. Addressing this issue, he went on to say, "There is a very old debate – development or environment. Both sides present views as if they are mutually exclusive. In our policies, in our economics, we have to change the conversation about conservation. I am confident that India will prosper both economically and environmentally. India will build more roads and India will have cleaner rivers. India will have better train connectivity and also greater tree coverage."

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1 × 10 = 10)

(i) Which of the following would be the most appropriate heading for the above passage?

- (a) The Return of the Cats
- (b) The Roar is back
- (c) The Roar of the Lion
- (d) The King Makes a Comeback

(ii) According to the 2018 survey, choose the statement which is true regarding the tigers in the different states.

- (a) Uttarakhand trails behind Karnataka by 100 tigers.
- (b) Madhya Pradesh vies closely with Karnataka for the first place.
- (c) The combined tiger population of Kerala and Tamil Nadu is less than that of Uttarakhand.
- (d) Assam has more tigers as compared to Tamil Nadu.

(iii) India achieved its target of doubling its tiger population _____ years ahead of the target year.

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

(iv) The tiger population statistics of the world reveal that the tiger population of the top three states of India _____ that of the whole world.

- (a) as much as
- (b) is equal to
- (c) is more than
- (d) is less than



(v) In the passage, Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentions development along with environment conservation in India. Which of the following does not convey his intention?

- (a) More roads – more afforestation
- (b) More infrastructures – cleaner rivers
- (c) More cities – more eco-friendly vehicles
- (d) More train connectivity – cleaner railway platforms

(vi) Among India's neighbouring countries, which country has the highest tiger population?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan



(vii) Select the statement that is false.

- (a) The tiger population in India has sharply increased from 2006 to 2018.
- (b) Madhya Pradesh has the largest population of tigers.
- (c) India is home to 70% of World's tiger population.
- (d) The total area of forested habitats surveyed in India for taking the tiger census 2019 was 3,81,400 sq km.

(viii) The census was the result of a „painstaking effort“. Which of the following words can best replace „painstaking“ in the given context?

- (a) feverish
- (b) haphazard
- (c) slapdash
- (d) assiduous

(ix) What is the „old debate“ that the prime minister refers to?

- (a) conversation vs conservation
- (b) environment vs development
- (c) roads vs rivers
- (d) more roads vs greater tree coverage

(x) According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?

- (a) India is fighting a losing battle where tiger conservation is concerned.
- (b) The wildlife authorities are doing little to track tiger population
- (c) India, along with 12 countries, signed an agreement to double the tiger population by 2022.
- (d) There is little reason for India to celebrate its feat of an early target achievement.

(xi) Which of the following statements is not correct pertaining to the tiger statistics of India and the world?

- (a) Kerala and Assam have exactly the same number of tigers.
- (b) Japan has more tigers as compared to Thailand.
- (c) Malaysia's tiger population is slightly less than that of Tamil Nadu.
- (d) with 2967 tigers, India accounts for more than 70% of the world's tiger population

(xii) The passage opens with the line: Here's good news for tiger conservationists. Choose the sentence which uses the apostrophe in the same manner as used in the opening sentence.

- (a) The Prime Minister's speech reflected enthusiasm.
- (b) The result of the census was announced by India's Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.
- (c) The census was carried out after 15 months' painstaking effort.
- (d) The economic value of tigers is high. It's pegged somewhere between 4200 crores and 16000 crores.

LITERATURE 10 Marks

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5 × 1)

(A)

"Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters might have vanished but the makers are still there. We still have amongst us the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in these furnaces has not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of traditional baker's bamboo, heralding his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places."

(i) The narrator says that the furnaces were „time-tested“ because

- (a) they had been thoroughly tested each time, before being used.
- (b) they had proved the test of time and were working well.
- (c) they had been tested by modern day experts.
- (d) they had the power to withstand inexperienced usage.



(ii) Those eaters might have vanished but the makers are still there. Pick the option that expresses the tone of the narrator.

- 1) elated
- 2) morose
- 3) nostalgic
- 4) hopeful
- 5) sarcastic
- 6) critical

- (a) 1 and 5
- (b) 2 and 6
- (c) 3 and 4
- (d) 4 and 5

(iii) Pick the idiom that brings out the same meaning of „reminiscing“ as used in the passage

- (a) train of thought.
- (b) commit something to memory.
- (c) a trip down memory lane.
- (d) jog somebody's memory.





(iv) Why do you think the baker came in with „a thud and a jingle“?

- (a) He wanted to make everyone alert and active with his presence.
- (b) He wanted to wake up everyone from their slumber and ask them to visit the bakery.
- (c) He was used to making a loud noise as most people responded to just that.
- (d) He wanted to make people aware that he had come around to sell his goodies.

(v) The „fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished“ implies that

- (a) the furnaces are still being used to bake the loaves of bread.
- (b) The fire is in the process of being reviewed as a replaceable method for heating furnaces.
- (c) The furnaces are very strong and cannot be shifted for use in other areas.
- (d) The fire in the furnaces takes a long time to cease burning, once lighted.

OR

(B) „Yes, I“m travelling alone,“ she answered curtly. And I“ve got a ticket too.“ „Yes she“s on her way to town,“ said the conductor. „With a thirty paise ticket.“ „Oh, why don“t you mind your own business,“ said Valli. But she laughed all the same, and the conductor laughed too.

But the old woman went on with her drivel. „Is it proper for such a young person to travel alone? Do you know exactly where you“re going in town? What“s the street? What“s the house number?

„You needn“t bother about me. I can take care of myself,“ Valli said, turning her face towards the window and staring out.“

(i) Pick the option that matches the expressions with „mind“ correctly.

Expression	Meaning
1. bring to mind	A. be receptive to someone“s ideas
2. be in two minds	B. think about only one subject
3. have an open mind	C. recall something
4. put your mind at ease	D. undecided
	E. reassure you
	F. reach a decision

- (a) 1-F, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
- (b) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E
- (c) 1-B, 2-F, 3-E, 4-A
- (d) 1-F, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B

(ii) Valli told the conductor to mind his own business and laughed as well. This shows that Valli

- (a) was not really bothered about what the conductor said.
- (b) didn't like the conductor speaking about her.
- (c) disliked what the conductor said but was amused.
- (d) was impressed with what the conductor said.

(iii) The old woman went on with her drivel. Why is the word „drivel“ used here?

- It is used to show that the old woman
- (a) was talking incessantly.
 - (b) kept muttering a lot of nonsense.
 - (c) was volunteering advice on request.
 - (d) spoke non-stop about herself.



(iv) The old woman asked her questions

- (a) due to anxiety about Valli travelling alone.
- (b) out of curiosity and concern for Valli.
- (c) interest in Valli's life and need for travel.
- (d) due to the habit of interfering in Valli's life.

(v) How do you think Valli felt when the old woman asked her questions?

Pick the option that best describes her feelings.

- (a) i) irritated ii) agitated
- (b) i) concerned ii) upset
- (c) i) upset ii) agitated
- (d) i) upset ii) irritated

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5 × 1)

**(A) The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree**

(i) Choose the image that displays the image of the season associated with the poem, „The Dust of Snow“



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

(a) Image 1

(b) Image 2

(c) Image 3

(d) Image 4

(ii) Which of the following options represent the correct understanding of the phrase “Dust of snow” in the poem “Dust of Snow”?

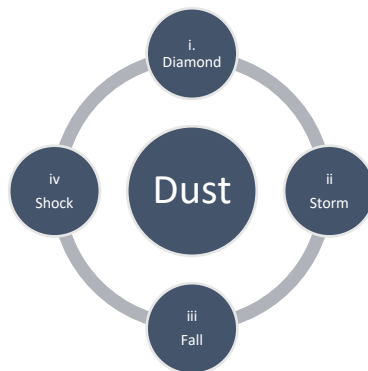
- (a) Particles of snow that floats on the surface
- (b) Particles of snow that settles on the surface after a snowfall.
- (c) Big sheet of snow that settles on the surface after a snowfall.
- (d) Sheet of snow that floats on the surface

(iii) How is the moment that is presented in the poem?

- (a) Complex and significant
- (b) Complex but insignificant
- (c) Simple but significant
- (d) Simple and insignificant



(iv) Pick the option that DOES NOT collate with „Dust“ correctly, to form a compound word



(a) Option (i)

(b) Option (ii)

(c) Option (iii)

(d) Option (iv)

(v) What leaves a tremendous effect on the mental state and mood of the poet?

- (a) Falling of dust of snow on the poet
- (b) The whole dull scene
- (c) The movement of the crow
- (d) Landing of the crow on the Hemlock tree

OR

**(B) “Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.
But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm”**

(i) Which option lists the quotes that do not support the ideas in the extract?

- 1) Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.
- 2) If you're brave enough to start, you're strong enough to finish.
- 3) Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.
- 4) You get in life what you have the courage to ask for
- 5) Fear has a large shadow, but he himself is strong.

- (a) 1, 4 and 5 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1,3 and 5

(ii) What is the poet's intention of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract?

- (a) It is to make the readers be impressed with Custard's readiness.
- (b) It is just to introduce the character Custard to the readers.
- (c) It is to emphasize upon the might and boldness of Custard.
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.

**(iii) Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word "trickled down" as used in the extract.**

- (a) If that country succeeds economically, the trickle-down effect across the whole continent will be of great benefit.
- (b) On seeing the teacher coming down the stairs, the students trickled down to their class.
- (c) The tremendous pressure to win has trickled down to all levels.
- (d) Policy-makers are strongly convinced of the 'trickle-down' potential of rapid agricultural Growth

(iv) Select the option that fits with the reaction of the characters in the context of the extract.

Ink: terrified :: Blink : i) _____

Pirate: ii) _____ :: Custard: undaunted

- (a) i) shocked ii) displeased
- (b) i) petrified ii) wondered
- (c) i) upset ii) dazed
- (d) i) petrified ii) shocked

(v) Pick the option that is not a simile from the extract.

- (a) But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
- (b) Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
- (c) With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,
- (d) He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm



GRAMMAR 10 Marks

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the paragraph. (3 × 1)

There (i) _____ reasons for the buoyancy in the Indian tourism industry. First, the upward trend observed in the growth rate of Indian economy has raised middle class incomes, prompting more people to spend money on vacations abroad or at home. Also, India (ii) _____ information technology industry and has become the IT center. Aggressive advertising campaign " Incredible India" by the government (iii) _____ in changing India's image from that of a land of snake charmers, and sparking new interest among overseas travelers

- (i) (a) may be much
(b) could be several
(c) should be many
(d) must be several
- (ii) (a) is booming in the
(b) were booming in
(c) are booming with the
(d) will have been booming with the
- (iii) (a) had also had contribution
(b) have also contributed
(c) has also had contribution
(d) has also had contributed

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (3 × 1)



Sam was tired of staying indoors during the pandemic. One day while sitting in the drawing room with his father, who was reading the newspaper, he (i) _____ been inside forever. He continued to mumble that (ii) _____ to the movie theatre or pizza parlour and he missed his classmates too. His father gave a blunt reply to him saying that Anne Frank and her

family had spent two years in an attic. When his son didn't reply to the remark made by his father, he (iii) _____ that blank look and no comment from his son.

- (i) (a) asked him if it felt like he had
 (b) remarked that it felt like he had
 (c) informed him that it felt like he has
 (d) questioned him if he felt like he have
- (ii) (a) he couldn't go
 (b) he can't go
 (c) he hadn't gone
 (d) he wouldn't go
- (iii) (a) asked why he had
 (b) remarked that he has expected
 (c) said that he had expected
 (d) said that he did expect



7 . Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below. (4 ×1)

(i) You _____ turn in your assignment on time.

- (a) shall
 (b) need to
 (c) had to
 (d) must

(ii) The jury _____ finally reached a decision.

- (a) has
 (b) have
 (c) is
 (d) had

(iii) That is _____ best food you have ever had in _____ long while.

- (a) the, an
 (b) the, a
 (c) a, an
 (d) a, the

(iv) _____ nations want to be independent.

- (a) Any
 (b) Few
 (c) All
 (d) Little

(v) At five o'clock, I _____ the members of the management to discuss the issues related to the maintenance of the school building

- (a) will have been meeting
- (b) will be meeting
- (c) was meeting
- (d) would have met



(vi) They lost many of the games because they _____ enough for the matches.

- (a) had not practised
- (b) do not practise
- (c) have not practised
- (d) had not been practicing

PART – B (40 Marks)
WRITING 10 Marks

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-200 words. (5 Marks)

(A) You are Sunil or Sunila, a resident of Lotus colony, Nandanam, Chennai-600035. You notice that some students find it difficult to attend online classes as staggered timings are not followed in your school. And this creates hindrance in online learning.

Write a letter to the Education Officer drawing his/ her attention towards the hindrance created in learning online. Explain how such timings of online classes hamper education of students and request for immediate intervention and action.

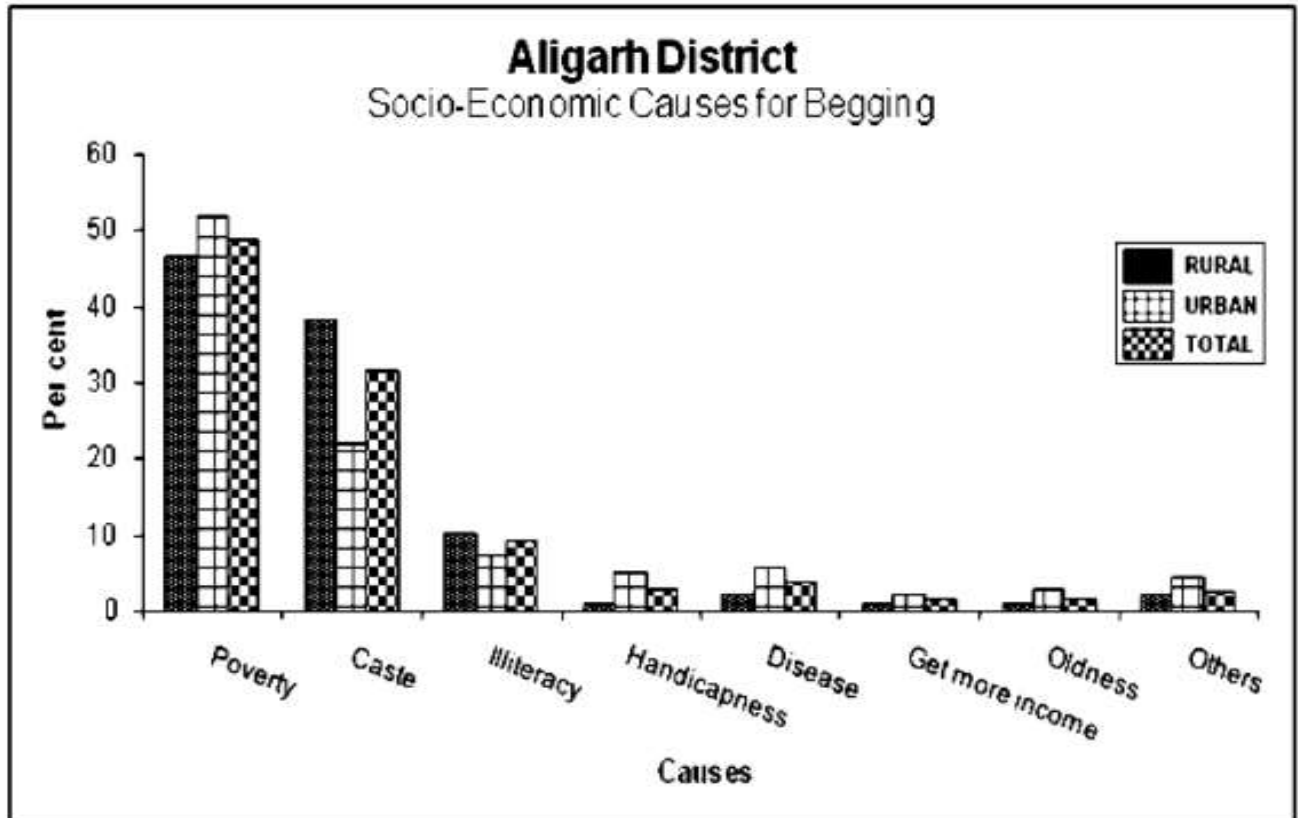
OR

(B) You are Aman/ Ameena living at Flat No. 35, Classic Apartments, Indira Nagar, Adayar, Chennai. You require 4 reams of white paper, 2 packets of carbon paper, one dozen registers, and some stationery. Write a letter to the Proprietor, Pooja Stationery Mart, Bandhar Street, Chennai placing an order and mentioning terms of payment, discount asked by you and delivery date. (100-120 words)

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-200 words. (5 Marks)

(A) The following bar graph shows Socio-economic causes for begging in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh. Write an analytical paragraph by summarising the information, by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons wherever required.





OR

(B) Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily:

India isn't the only nation that is adversely affected by rising levels of pollution, from contaminated water to dirty air. **"Pollution"**, which causes heart attacks, strokes, lung cancer and respiratory diseases, **"is the largest environmental cause of death in the world today,"** according to an October 2018 study on the health effects of pollution in „The Lancet medical journal“. Toxic exposure caused 9 million deaths – 6.5 million just from air pollution – in 2018, the study estimated.

Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen/counter the given argument

LITERATURE 30 Marks

10. Answer Any Two questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2 × 4 = 8)

A) (any two) (2 × 2 = 4)

(i) The field was white, as if covered with salt. What does the writer want to convey here by these words?

(ii) What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Arica?

(iii) What did Buddha say about the mortals of the world?

(B) (any two) (2 × 2 = 4)

- (i) What was the cause of Trick's ailment?
- (ii) What happened to Jaffers when he tried to catch the invisible scientist?
- (iii) Why do Bholi's parents accept Bishamher's marriage proposal?

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3 × 4 = 12)

(A) (any two) (3 × 2 = 6)

- (i) How can extreme behaviour lead to the ruin of humanity? Justify it based on the poem „Fire and Ice“.
- (ii) How was Anne's diary different from the other diaries you have read?
- (iii) What is the message that is conveyed through the poem „Amanda“?

(B) (any two) (3 × 2 = 6)

- (i) What rare achievement did Richard manage at the age of twenty-two?
- (ii) How did Mme Loisel now know the life of necessity?
- (iii) At the end of the lesson, Mrs. Pumphery says “This is a triumph of surgery.” Why?

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words. (5 × 1)

(A) Wanda didn't have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone.

Do you think such a situation is conducive for the proper growth and development of a child? Substantiate your answer with reference to the story „The Hundred Dresses I“.

OR

(B) Ivan Lomov and Stepan Chubukov, who are neighbours fought over trivial issues. Do such quarrels among neighbours affect their relationship? Suggest some ways to build good and healthy relationship with neighbours.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 × 1)

(A) Money can't make a man as much as education can. Elucidate the statement in the light of the story The Thief's Story“.

OR

(B) Do you think Lutkins was right in fooling the lawyer and earning money by using unfair means? What precautions should one take to avoid a situation like the one in which the lawyer was placed?

