

General instructions:

Read all the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1.This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

2.The question paper contains THREE sections:

Section A: Reading Skills

Section B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

Section C: Literature Textbook' POORVI'

3.Attempt questions based on the specific instructions given for each part.

4. This Question paper contains 06 pages.

**SECTION A: READING (10 MARKS)**

Q.No.	Questions	Marks
1.	<p><b>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>For the mobility—impaired, highly trained canines called 'service dogs' can pick up dropped keys, open and close drawers, retrieve prepared meals, help a person in and out of bathtub, dial 911, push and pull wheelchairs, help operate a car or van and pull off gloves, shoes, socks and jackets. Other dogs provide specific assistance to those who suffer seizures (sudden attacks of illness) and require special medication. And, of course, the helping dogs provide companionship, play and give unconditional love to the people they assist. It is thirty odd years now since the placement of the first assistance dog. But only in recent years, with the rising independent movement among disabled people has the idea begun to spread widely. While most service-dogs are trained to work with people who rely on wheelchairs, other categories of helping dogs include hearing-dogs who alert their owners to sounds, such as doorbells, phones, cooking timers, alarm clocks, smoke alarms and seizure dogs which carry medication in their packs and are trained to dial 911 on large keypad phones.</p> <p>Answer the following questions by choosing the right option:</p> <p>i. The service-dogs were:  (a) paid highly            (b) less in number    (c) multiple taskers    (d) employees</p> <p>ii. The idea of assistance dogs became popular due to the:  (a) independent movement among the disabled  (b) awareness by the hospitals  (c) independence of the country  (d) both (a) and (c)</p> <p>iii. The categories of helping-dogs are:  (a) domestic dogs, service dogs &amp; seizure dogs  (b) service, hearing and seizure dogs  (c) hunting and domestic dogs</p>	(1×5 = 5)

	<p>(d) None of the above</p> <p>iv. There is a difference between:            (a) the service dogs and the helping dogs            (b) the serving dogs and canines            (c) the canines and ordinary dogs            (d) both (b) and (c)</p> <p>v. Give the noun form of 'trained':            (a) train                      (b) trains                      (c) training                      (d) trainee</p>	
2.	<p><b>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>Next to water, tea is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world. This is good news because tea offers important health benefits. Its benefits were first discovered by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung who declared that it gave one vigour of body, contentment of mind and determination of purpose. Today there is ample proof that tea in its many forms possesses a number of health benefits from supporting the immune, system to reducing the risk of cancer, to helping prevent tooth decay.</p> <p>What makes tea such a healthy drink? The star compounds are called catechins. Those are antioxidants, that help prevent cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals. Tea can be black, green and red and is derived from a warm-weather evergreen tree known as Camelia Sinensis. The more processing, tea leaves undergo, the darker they become. Green tea is the least processed tea. It is simply steamed quickly and offers the maximum healing powers because it isn't fermented. It also helps prevent tooth decay and aids weight loss.</p> <p><b>Complete the sentences with one word or phrase</b></p> <p>1. The most commonly consumed beverage in the world is.....</p> <p>2. Benefits of tea were first discovered by.....</p> <p>3. Tea turns out to be a healthy drink due to the presence of.....</p> <p>4. Green tea leaves offer maximum healing powers because it is.....</p> <p>5. The word to the last para which means the same as 'helps' is .....</p>	(1×5 = 5)
<b>SECTION B: GRAMMAR&amp; CREATIVE WRITING (20 MARKS)</b>		
3.	<p>Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him / her to organise an excursion to a nearby hill station for the students of your class. You are Surya / Sunidhi, monitor of your class.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Write a letter to the Principal of Gandhi Public School, Karnataka requesting him to change your section.</p>	1×5=5
4.	<p>Write a descriptive paragraph about your experience of a train journey. Describe the sights, sounds, and feelings you experienced during the journey. Include details about the people around you, the scenery outside, and the atmosphere inside the train to make your paragraph vivid and engaging.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You are very much influenced and motivated by the stories of our brave soldiers. Write a Diary Entry expressing your feeling for the brave soldiers.</p>	1×5=5

5.	<p><b>Choose the most appropriate option in the given questions: (Any ten)</b></p> <p>i. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence showing possession.          (a) The girls bag is missing. (b) The girls' bag is missing.          (c) The girl's bag is missing. (d) The girls bag's is missing.</p> <p>ii. A pair of sunglasses ..... essential when we travel to sunny destinations.          (a) is (b) are (c) was (d) am</p> <p>iii. Yesterday my friend gave me ..... unwrapped parcel.          (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) none</p> <p>iv. which prefix should be added to the word "<i>write</i>" to mean "<i>write again</i>"?          (a) un- (b) dis- (c) re- (d) pre-</p> <p>v. Choose the correct prefix to complete the sentence.          The instructions were unclear, so the students _____ understood the question.          (a) dis- (b) mis- (c) un- (d) pre-</p> <p>vi. Mohan wants to be..... MLA.          (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) none</p> <p>vii. The beggar ate stale food ..... he was hungry.          (a) and (b) but (c) as well as (d) because</p> <p>viii. Choose the correct alternative.          No other mountain in the world is _____ Mount Everest.          (a) higher than (b) as high as (c) the highest (d) more high than</p> <p>ix. Rewrite the sentence with correct punctuation.          You need the following ingredients to make tea milk water tea power sugar ginger</p> <p>x. Rewrite the sentences using the adverb given in bracket.          She visits the library. (<i>often</i>)</p> <p>xi. Identify the adjective of quantity in the sentence:          There is little water left in the bottle.          a) water b) left c) little d) bottle</p>	1x10=10
<b>SECTION -C: LITERATURE (30 MARKS)</b>		
6.	<p><b>Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (ANY four)</b></p> <p>When we are all asleep          You still hold on to your deed          Windy season or snowy days          Or scorching sun's sweltering rays          You are there guarding all the time awake          Treading the lonely expanses as yogis</p> <p>i. In the given question find out the alternative which will replace the question mark.          Windy season : Cold :: Scorching sun ?          (a) Breeze (b) Shade (c) Heat (d) Rain</p>	1x4=4

	<p>ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. The phrase 'still hold on to your deed' refers to the soldier's attitude of _____.</p> <p>iii. Identify whether the following statement is true or false. The soldiers walk across the deserted stretches of land.</p> <p>iv. The word "<b>sweltering</b>" in the extract suggests: (a) pleasant weather (b) unbearable heat (c) cool breeze (d) light sunshine</p> <p>v. Which quality of the soldiers is highlighted in this extract? (a) modesty (b) optimism (c) simplicity (d) dedication</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>"The railroad track is miles away, And the day is loud with voices speaking, Yet there isn't a train goes by all day But I hear its whistle shrieking."</p> <p>i. The phrase "<i>the day is loud with voices speaking</i>" is an example of: (a) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Personification (d) Alliteration</p> <p>ii. In the given question find out the alternative which will replace the question mark. Train whistle : Sound :: Railroad track ? (a) Journey (b) Distance (c) Station (d) Speed</p> <p>iii. Directions: In the given question there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Mark Your answer as per the codes provided below: (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is true, but R is false. (d) A is false, but R is true. <b>Assertion (A):</b> The atmosphere during the day is noisy. <b>Reason (R):</b> The day is described as being loud with voices speaking.</p> <p>iv. Despite the distance, what sound does the speaker still hear? v. What might the train whistle symbolize for the speaker?</p>	
7.	<p><b>Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.(ANY four)</b> Rani Abbakka: I need your whole-hearted cooperation to make ullal stronger, secure, free! Crowd: We are with you, your majesty. Victory to rani abbakka devi! (After Coronation, Rani Abbakka spoke to her husband, Veera Narasimha.) Rani Abbakka: I will stop paying tribute to the portuguese. I will not sell them spices, and cloth either. Veera Narasimha: Isn't that a rather hasty decision? i. The word "<b>hasty</b>" suggests a decision that is: (a) well-planned (b) delayed (c) quick and rash (d) wise</p>	1x4=4

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**Assertion (A):** Rani Abbakka wanted Ullal to be strong, secure, and free.

**Reason (R):** She believed cooperation from the people was necessary.

iii. Identify whether the following statement is true or false.

Rani Abbakka decided to continue trading with the Portuguese.

iv. What was Rani Abbakka's first act after being crowned Queen of Ullal?

v. How did the crowd respond to Rani Abbakka's address at her coronation?

**OR**

The National War Memorial now includes Amar Jawan Jyoti in the obelisk which is surrounded by four chakras. During the inauguration, the Prime Minister lit a new flame to commemorate the fallen heroes. Later, the old flame at India Gate was also merged with the new flame at the National War Memorial. Here is a picture of the new Amar Jawan Jyoti if you haven't seen it. You can see the obelisk surrounded by wreaths that have been placed as a mark of respect. The lighting design is planned in such a way that it transforms the monument's landscape as sunlight changes from dawn to dusk. It truly is a majestic site that filled me with pride for our nation. I was also overwhelmed by the interminable flame as a metaphor for eternal stories of courage and valour.

i. In the given question find out the alternative which will replace the question mark.

## Obelisk: Monument: Amar Jawan Jyoti ?

- (a) Festival      (b) Flame      (c) Building      (d) Ceremony

ii. The word “**commemorate**” means to:

- (a) forget (b) punish  
(c) remember with respect (d) celebrate casually

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**Assertion (A):** Amar Jawan Jyoti is now part of the National War Memorial.

**Reason (R):** The old flame at India Gate was merged with the new flame.

iv. What surrounds the obelisk at the National War Memorial?

v. What metaphor does the interminable flame at the National War Memorial represent?

<b>8.</b>	<b>Answer the following questions in 20-30 words (ANY FIVE)</b> i. What does the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the National War Memorial represent? ii. What are the four circles at the National War Memorial, and what do they represent? iii. What all did Arunima do to achieve her goal? iv. Arunima did not stop at the Everest. What all did she summit? v. What was the main reason Rani Abbakka decided to go against the Portuguese? vi. The poem ends with a prayer for the soldiers' well-being and blessings. Why is it important for each one of us to pray for the wellbeing of soldiers?	<b>3x5=15</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentence.</b> respect/ elders/should/ we/ our	<b>1</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Choose the correct one-word substitution:</b> The hobby of collecting stamps is called: (a) Numismatics    b) Philately    c) Cartography    d) Calligraphy	<b>1</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions in 80-100 words</b> i. Discuss the use of imagery in the poem 'THE TUNNEL' and its impact on the reader.  ii. Why do you think Rani Abbakka's victory against the Portuguese would have inspired other rulers to go against a foreign power?	<b>1x5=5</b>