



1. Read the following passage.

Emperor Shahjahan is well-known in history for pomp and splendor. He built many attractive monuments and magnificent buildings during his regime. The Taj Mahal in Agra on the bank of the Yamuna river is the greatest of all. It is one of the seven wonders in the world. Actually Shahjahan built the Taj Mahal to preserve the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. He built it spending a great deal of royal wealth. Skilful artists and architects were employed for the construction of this great work in 1642 and even choicest white marbles were brought from best parts inside and outside the country were brought for the work.

Many visitors from home and abroad visit this beautiful spot to have a view of it and quench their thirst for aesthetics. The buildings have inspired many poets, painters and modern architects. The Taj Mahal is a living beauty in a moonlit night. During day it changes its colour from time to time. The shadow of the sky reflects on white marbles and changes its colour as well as mood. The poets describe it with many epithets such as 'Love in marbles', 'Cry of Shahjahan outside and cry of Mumtaz inside'; and even Rabindra Nath Tagore described it as 'A drop of tears on the cheek of time'.

1.1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

- a) Find out the synonyms of the words from the passage. i) famous ii) King
a) b) Where is the Taj Mahal and which river flows through it ?
b) c) Why did Shahjahan build the Taj Mahal ?
c) d) Fill in the gaps with appropriate answers.
d) i) The Taj Mahal was built in the year _____.
e) ii) Poet _____ describes The Taj Mahal as 'A drop of tears on the cheek of time'.
f) e) Find the opposites of the words in the passage. i) ancient ii) destroy
g) smallest planet in our solar system.

(1)

2. Read the following poem.

See the pretty snowflakes
Falling from the sky
On the walk and housetop
Soft and thick they lie.

On the window-ledges
On the branches bare
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.
Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes,
Not a blade is seen.

Now the bare black bushes,
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden,
What a pretty sight!

2.1. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below.

- a) They refer to _____ in line 4. (1)
b) Find the word having the same meaning as 'lovely' from the above poem. (1)
c) How do the snowflakes lie? (1)
d) In the garden the grass was _____. (1)
e) The bare black bushes look _____ and _____. (2)
f) Write the opposite of 'thick'. (1)
g) Name an adjective used in the first line. (1)
h) What is the plural form of 'branch'? (1)
i) Do the snowflakes fall fast or slow? (1)

SECTION- B (Writing) - 20 Marks

3. Write an email to your friend reminding him/her to return a book which he/she had borrowed long back. (6)
4. Write a letter to the Principal of your school to organize a class picnic. (6)
5. Write a paragraph. (any one) (5)

- a) Time and tide wait for none b) Environmental pollution

6. Write the biosketch of the following personality

(3)

Name : Mother Teresa
 Native name : Anjeze Gonxha Bojaxhiu
 Birth : 26th August 1910 at Yugoslavia
 Occupation : charity to the poor, helpless patients, etc.
 Language : Bengali, English, Hindi, Albanian
 Notable Works : The Missionaries of Charity for poor people and Nirmal Hriday for physically challenged people.
 Education : At the age of 18, she came to Kolkata and studied at the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Awards : Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, Bharat Ratna Award in 1980
 Died on : 5th September, 1997 in Kolkata.

SECTION- C (Grammar) - 20 Marks

7. Identify the types of sentences

(1x3=3)

- a) What a beautiful day!
 b) Stand up.
 c) Will you wait here?

8. Fill in the blanks with correct option

(1x6=6)

- a) I ____ speak French. (can/may)
 b) ____ I sit down, please? (used to/may)
 c) You ____ not tell lies. (can/must)
 d) They ____ us. (have helped/ has helped)
 e) She ____ me the pen. (have given/ has given)
 f) I ____ my task. (am finished/ have finished)

9. Fill in the blanks with Conditionals.

(1x3=3)

- a) If I a lion appeared before me, _____.
 b) If I am bored, _____.
 c) If I exercise daily, _____.

10. Choose the correct preposition from the given options.

(1x5=5)

- a) Gita came and sat _____ me. (beside/besides)
 b) She was fond _____ reading novels. (from/of)
 c) He sat _____ the chair. (on/under)
 d) The pen belongs _____ John. (to/for)
 e) Distribute the sweets _____ the children. (between/among)

11. Fill in the blanks with reflexive pronouns.

(1x3=3)

- a) I looked at _____ in the mirror.
 b) He burnt _____ when he was cooking.
 c) Dad and I painted the box _____.

SECTION- D (Literature) - 20 Marks

12. Choose the correct option.

(1x4=4)

- a) Few ever win who _____
 i) wait ii) fight iii) study
 b) Each dying tree leaves behind
 i) seeds ii) dry roots iii) dry leaves
 c) Poetess's brother lives in
 i) Florida ii) Australia iii) Mumbai
 d) Global warming effects _____
 i) rich people the most. ii) poor people the most. iii) no one in particular.

13. Answer the following.

(2x4=8)

- a) What was wrong with Janaki? How did it happen?
 b) What happened after Mrs. Stephanie asked her son to send her money?
 c) Why did Ekalavya carve Drona's statue?
 d) Why was a conference held at Kyoto? Was it fruitful?

14. Answer the following question using your own ideas.

(4)

State at least four disadvantages related to e-mail?

Or

How will you keep your environment clean?

15. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

(2x2=4)

"What a filthy place!"

- a) Who said this and to whom?

b) Which place did the speaker call filthy and why?
