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Section A

Reading Skills (22 marks) — two unseen passages: Q1 factual/discursive (12) and Q2 case-based/analytical with data (10); a mix of 1-mark objective/short and 2-mark analytical items

Q1. Science fiction passage: Complete the analogy with one word from paragraph 4 - possibility : potential : : unique : _____ (mainstream/access/homegrown/niche) - MCQ. — 1 mark

Q2. Nutrition case study: What would the following be classified as? 'Nutritional intake was recorded using food diaries.' (Primary purpose/Secondary objective/Method of analysis/Research outcome) - MCQ. — 1 mark

Q3. Science fiction passage: Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph 4 to prove that there is a lack of mainstream platforms. — 1 mark

Q4. Case study passage on changing nutritional requirements across age groups (dietitians' three-month observational study). Complete suitably - In the introduction, the researcher links changing dietary requirements to highlight _____. — 1 mark

Q5. Nutrition case study: Classify the following sentences as 'development' and 'prevent' - Sentence A: Children had higher energy and protein needs per kilogram of body weight, essential for growth. Sentence B: Adolescents need increased calcium so that their bone growth is not impacted. — 1 mark

Q6. Reading literary passage (extract from 'Great Expectations' - Pip's terrifying encounter with the escaped convict in the marshes). Which textual evidence tells us that Pip was trembling? — 1 mark

Q7. Great Expectations passage: Complete with a suitable reason - The writer refers to the sea as a 'savage lair' in order to tell the reader that _____. — 1 mark

Q8. Job preferences case study: Fill in the blank - The study ensured diversity in gender, socioeconomic status, and career stages to make the findings _____ (accurate/representative/specific). — 1 mark

Q9. Nutrition case study: Give two points to support how the case study explored various age groups. (Paragraphs 2, 3) — 2 marks

Q10. Science fiction passage: '...science fiction provides a creative lens through which these problems can be examined.' In the given line, what does the phrase 'creative lens' refer to? — 2 marks

Q11. Job preferences case study: Fill in the blank with reference to the bar graph - The profession preference for which policymakers primarily need to provide encouraging incentives is _____. [For Visually Impaired Candidates: When the researcher uses 'a broad spectrum of opinions', the researcher refers to _____.] — 10 marks

Section B

Creative Writing Skills (18 marks) — Q3 notice (4), Q4 invitation/reply (4), Q5 letter (5), Q6 article/report (5); each with internal 'any one of two' choice

Q12. Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (a) Your school is planning an inter-house handball tournament. Write a notice for the school notice board informing students of the details, including participation criteria, registration process and contact information. You are Shivani/Shivam, President, Sports Club of ABC International School, Newtown. Put your notice in a box. — 4 marks

Q13. Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in about 50 words. (a) You are the President of Student Council of XYZ Public School, Hawapur. Your school is organising an Arts and Crafts Exhibition as part of its Annual Day celebrations. On behalf of the Principal, draft a formal invitation card to be sent to parents and guests, mentioning a compelling highlight of the programme. — 4 marks

Q14. Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (b) You are Arati/Ashok from New Colony, Bamapur. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post of Event Manager at Raleigh Planners. Write a job application with your bio-data. — 5 marks

Q15. Attempt any one of (a)/(b) in 120-150 words. (a) Waste management in your colony is becoming an issue of grave concern. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily discussing the reasons for poor waste management and suggesting ways to resolve it, using the given cues. You are Shireen/Sahil of Prestige Colony, Rahagarh. — 5 marks

Section C

Literature (40 marks) — reference-to-context extracts (poetry + prose, 1x6 each, with choice), short-answer questions (40-50 words) from Flamingo and Vistas, and long-answer questions (120-150 words) from Flamingo and Vistas

Q16. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'Journey to the End of the Earth' ('To visit Antarctica now is to be a part of that history ... keeping Antarctica frigid, desolate, and at the bottom of the world.'). Complete suitably - The passage suggests that visiting Antarctica offers insight into geological processes and Earth's history by _____. — 6 marks

Q17. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'The Rattrap' ('She said this in such a friendly manner that the rattrap peddler must have felt confidence in her ... Now I am sitting in the trap and will never get out of it.'). Which of the following best reflect the 'friendly manner' Edla exhibits toward the rattrap peddler? (1 Pay a compliment, 2 Show kindness, 3 Provide financial support, 4 Be respectful, 5 Speak in an excited tone) - MCQ. — 1 mark

Q18. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'A Roadside Stand' ('While greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey ... Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way.'). Select the phrase that suggests - The so-called aids are not offered out of genuine care or consent but are imposed in a controlling and unwelcome manner. — 1 mark

Q19. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'Lost Spring' ('And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking ... for the elders it is a means of survival.'). What does Saheb's statement about finding money in the garbage reveal about his daily life and aspirations? — 1 mark

Q20. On the Face of It extract: Fill in the blank with a suitable word - Mr. Lamb's response suggests that he sees Derry's face as only one _____ of who he is. — 1 mark

Q21. Going Places extract: What was mother most likely thinking when she sighed? (1 Life would have been different if money grew on trees / 2 I wish he would stop troubling Sophie / 3 We can only wish; we've never had enough anyway / 4 I'm too tired to respond / 5 Our struggles will never end) - MCQ. — 1 mark

Q22. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' ('... I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse ... out of their homes...'). What does the imagery of the 'ashen face' of the mother suggest about her physical condition? — 1 mark

Q23. What efforts did Zitkala-Sa make to save her hair from being cut? (Memories of Childhood) — 2 marks

Q24. Why do Aunt Jennifer's tigers not fear the men beneath the tree? (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers) — 2 marks

Q25. Answer any five of six in 40-50 words: What role does the French language play in 'The Last Lesson', in the context of the narrator's feelings towards it? — 2 marks

Q26. What lesson can individuals learn from Douglas's experience in overcoming his fear of water? (Deep Water) — 2 marks

Q27. Explain how the rattrap symbolises the dual aspects of human nature. (The Rattrap) — 2 marks

Q28. Read any one extract (A)/(B). Extract from 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ('When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie ... Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.'). What does the phrase 'terrified hands' suggest about Aunt's life? — 3 marks

Q29. On the Face of It extract: What might Derry be thinking during the pause after he insists, 'Yes!'? (Why doesn't he understand me? / He's pretending to care like everyone else / Maybe he really sees more than just my face / I should leave. He doesn't get it.) - MCQ. — 3 marks

Q30. Answer any one in about 120-150 words: Justify how Sadao's character arc is more central to the moral dilemma in 'The Enemy' as opposed to Hana's. — 6 marks

Q31. Answer any one in about 120-150 words: Analyse how the narrative technique used in 'The Tiger King' enhances the impact of the story on the reader. — 6 marks

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