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EXAM SCHEDULE 2023 – 24

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PERIODIC ASSESSMENT - I	24 JULY 2023 TO 31 JULY 2023	40

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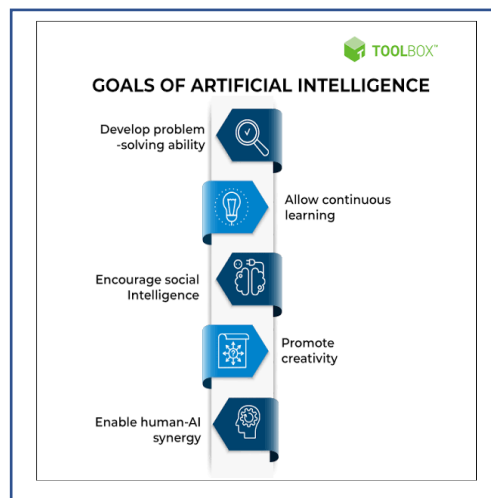
TYOLOGY OF QUESTIONS

1	VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS VSA -1	1 MARK
2	VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS VSA -II (30 TO 40 WORDS)	2 MARKS
3	SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS –SA -1(50 Words)	4 MARKS
4	LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (100-120 Words)	6 MARKS 8 MARKS

READING (08 MARKS)

01. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions. (1x8)

1. Artificial intelligence is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. AI programming focuses on three cognitive skills: learning, reasoning and self-correction. Learning processes focus on acquiring data and creating rules for how to turn the data into information. Reasoning processes focusing on choosing the right algorithm to reach a desired outcome; self-correction processes ensure that they provide the most accurate results.
2. AI processes large amounts of data much faster and makes predictions more accurately than is humanly possible. The primary disadvantage of using AI is that it is expensive to process the large amounts of data that AI programming requires. This doesn't allow the poor and developing countries to use AI or even invest money in AI ventures. Countries like India, however have taken a positive and robust step to integrate AI into development of the nation.

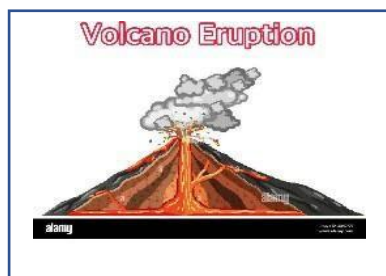


3. AI can be categorised as either weak or strong. Weak AI, also known as the narrow AI. It is designed and trained to complete a specific task. Strong AI, also known as artificial general intelligence (AGI). It is more like a human brain and has cognitive abilities that helps to perform unfamiliar tasks and commands.
4. AI is revolutionising the way we live and get things done and is advancing dramatically. It is already transforming our world socially, economically and politically. In most of the fields, it provides human beings a great helping hand to get task done quickly and perfectly.
5. There is no doubt in the fact that technology has made our lives comfortable from music recommendations, map directions, internet banking, AI and other technologies have taken over. AI truly has the potential to transform many industries, with a wide range of possibilities. These industries are all data driven. Let's hope that the concept of AI will help the human race in the long run.
 - i. State the primary disadvantage of using AI.
 - ii. Enlist two cognitive skills that focus on AI programming as mentioned in paragraph 1.
 - iii. State the central idea of the passage.
 - iv. Mention how AI has made our lives comfortable.
 - v. As per the image, write down two goals of Artificial Intelligence.
 - vi. State true/false – Weak AI is known as Artificial General Intelligence.
 - vii. A.I can best be compared to _____
 - viii. Find out the word that has the same meaning concentrate (Para 1)

02. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions. (1x8)

1. The future level of global warming is uncertain, but a wide range of estimates have been made. Scientists predict an increase in sea levels worldwide due to the melting of two massive ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland, especially on the East coast of the US. However, many nations around the world will experience the effects of rising sea levels, which could displace millions of people. One nation, the Maldives, is already looking for a new home, thanks to rising sea levels. The severity of storms such as hurricanes and cyclones is increasing.
2. The maximum wind speeds of the strongest tropical cyclones have increased significantly since 1981, according to research published in Nature. And the upward trend, thought to be driven by rising ocean temperatures, is unlikely to stop at any time soon.” According to recent research, there is a 90% chance that 3 billion people worldwide will have to choose between moving their families to milder climates and go hungry due to climate change within 100 years. Climate change is expected to have the most severe impact on water supplies.
3. “Shortages in future are likely to threaten food production, reduce sanitation, hinder economies development and damage ecosystems. It causes more violent swings between floods and droughts.”
4. Global warming causes 300,000 deaths a year. According to research published in Nature, by 2050, rising temperatures could lead to the extinction of more than a million species. And because we can't exist without a diverse population of species on Earth, this is fatal news for humans. It is time for nations to forget personal differences and shift focus from politics and self promotion to saving the earth. Action is needed urgently and immediately. India has already started taking baby steps to save the earth and control ,if not reverse climate change. It is time for other nations to wake up too.
 - i. Give reason why is Maldives looking for a new home in near future.
 - ii. Find the word from paragraph three which means the same as destroy.
 - iii. Climate change is expected to have the most severe impact on _____.
 - iv. Identify the picture of human made disaster responsible for Global Warming from the pictures given below.

a.



b.



b.



c.



- v. Write true/false for the given statement.
Global warming will cause violent swings between floods and volcano eruptions.
- vi. Statement - The future level of global warming is uncertain. Scientist predicts an increase in sea levels worldwide due to the melting of two massive ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland, especially on the East coast of the US.

A-Scientist predicts an increase in sea levels worldwide.

R- It is due to the melting of the two massive ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

- a. A is true and R is false.
 - b. Both A and R are false.
 - c. A is true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - d. A is false and R is the incorrect explanation of A.
- vii. Mention one activity you do in your school to prevent Global warming.
- viii. Select the option which gives the right combination of the words given in the two tables.

A. Climate change	1. Impact on water supplies
B. Cyclones	2. Million species
C. Extinction	3. Natural disaster

- a. A-1,B-2,C-3 b. A-2,B-3,C-3 c. A-1,B-3,C-2 d. A-1,B-2,C-2

03. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions: (1x8)

1. How often have we seen those little, fragile bottles in the medicine cabinet of our grandparents! The bottle contained miracle pills, our grandparents used to say and for a change, the pills were tasty. These little pills are medicinal pills are how we came to learn about homeopathy which is a traditional form of medicine used not only in India but many countries around the world. Homeopathy is a form of alternative medicine, first proposed by German physician Samuel Hahnemann in 1796, that attempts to treat patients with heavily diluted medicines. Homeopathic remedies are prepared by serial dilution with shaking by forceful striking, which homeopaths term succession after each dilution under the assumption that this increases the effect of the treatment. Homeopaths call this process potentization. Dilution often continues until none of the original substance remains. Homeopathic reference books known as repertories are then consulted, and a remedy is selected based on the totality of symptoms.
2. Homeopathic remedies are considered safe, but are criticized for putting patients at risk due to advice against conventional medicine such as vaccinations, anti-malarial drugs, and antibiotics. Report of U.K. states that, depending on the dilution, homeopathic remedies may not contain any pharmacologically active molecules, and for such remedies to have a pharmacological effect would violate fundamental principles of science.
3. Modern homeopaths have proposed that water has a memory that allows homeopathic preparations to work without any of the original substance; however, there are no verified observations or scientifically plausible physical mechanisms for such a phenomenon. The lack of convincing scientific evidence supporting homeopathy's efficacy and its use of remedies lacking active ingredients have caused homeopathy to be described as pseudoscience. Modern day homeopaths do not agree with this and state that homeopathy is just as effective in treating medical conditions as is allopathy, its more popular and expensive cousin,
 - a. State how homeopathy treats patients.
 - b. Define repertories.
 - c. Homeopathic remedies are prepared by serial _____ by forceful striking.
 - d. Give reason why homeopathy is termed as pseudoscience.
 - e. Write the central idea of the passage.

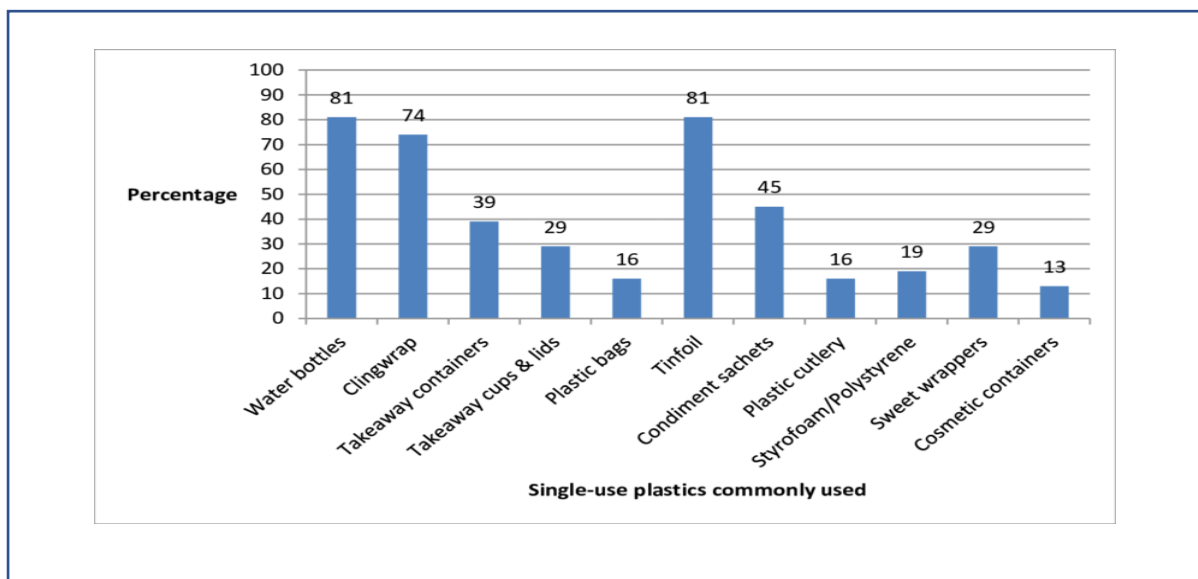
- f. The word in the passage which means the same as the facts /objects that make you believe that something is true is _____ .(para 3)
- g. Homeopaths support conventional medicine. True/False
- h. Find a synonym of effectiveness from the passage. (Para 3)

04. Read the passage given carefully and answer the questions that follow(1x8)

1. Nepal, a small, mountainous country tucked between India and China, may seem completely foreign to many . Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken, and people eat two meals of rice and lentils every day. Nepali holidays, many of which are related to the Hindu religion, can seem especially bizarre to western culture. However, if we look beyond how others celebrate to consider the things they are celebrating, we find surprising similarities to our own culture.
2. The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October. According to Hindu beliefs, Durga defeated the evil demons of the world. To thank the goddess, people visit temples in her honour and sacrifice goats or sheep as offerings. Throughout the year, most Nepalis do not eat much meat because it is expensive, but Dashain is a time to enjoy meat every day. Children fly colourful, homemade kites during Dashain. People also construct enormous bamboo swings on street corners and in parks. Every evening people gather at these swings and take turns swinging. Nepalis say that by swinging, people can relieve the earth of their weight, if only for a few minutes out of the year. Dashain is a time for people to eat good food, relax, and enjoy themselves!
3. Aside from eating and enjoying themselves, during Dashain, people also receive blessings from their elders. Schools and offices shut down so people can travel to be with their families. Reuniting with family reminds people of the importance of kindness, respect, and forgiveness. People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain.
4. During holidays, we may not sacrifice goats or soar on bamboo swings, but we do often travel to be with family members and take time off work or school to relax. No matter how we celebrate, many people around the world spend their holidays honouring family, reflecting on their blessings, and hoping for good fortune in the future.
 - a. Give reason why Dashain is celebrated.
 - b. Give one evidence to prove that the people of Nepal love mother earth.
 - c. The following statement is marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.
 A – Durga defeated the evil demons of the world.
 R – Meat is eaten to thank the goddess for fighting the demons of the world.
 - i. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - ii. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - iii. A is true but R is false.
 - iv. A is false but R is true.
 - d. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE – Nepalis eat a simple and nutritious meal on a regular basis..
 - e. Give an appropriate title to the passage.
 - f. Name another country that celebrates a festival like ‘DASHAIN’ .
 - g. Write the central idea of the passage.
 - h. Choose the phrase that can best replace the word ‘soar’ in paragraph 4.
 - i. run fast
 - ii)fly high
 - iii) stoop down
 - iv) sit still

05. Read the passage given below. 1x8

1. Single-use plastics come with a steep environmental price—one that we'll be paying off for millennia. Our plastic addiction is having a devastating impact on our oceans, our wildlife, and our health.
2. Put simply, single-use plastics are goods that are made primarily from fossil fuel-based chemicals (petrochemicals) and are meant to be disposed of right after use—often, in mere minutes. Single-use plastics are most commonly used for packaging and service ware, such as bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags.
3. Though plastic—a chain of synthetic polymers, essentially—was invented in the mid-19th century, it wasn't until the 1970s that its popularity skyrocketed. Manufacturers began replacing traditionally paper or glass staples with lighter or more durable and affordable plastic alternatives; plastic jugs replaced milk jars, for instance. Since the 1950s, 8.3 billion metric tons of plastics have been produced, and half of that in the past 15 years alone.
4. There are many uses for plastic that are not only reasonable but important, such as surgical gloves, or straws for people with disabilities. But these cases make up a small fraction of single-use plastic. According to a 2017 study, more than half of non-fiber plastic, which excludes synthetic fabrics like polyester and nylon, comes from plastic packaging alone, much of which is for single-use items.
5. Single-use plastics are a glaring example of the problems with throwaway culture. Instead of investing in quality goods that will last, we often prioritize convenience over durability and consideration of long-term impacts. Our reliance on these plastics means we are accumulating waste at a staggering rate. We produce 300 million tons of plastic each year worldwide, half of which is for single-use items. That's nearly equivalent to the weight of the entire human population.



6. Reducing plastic use is the most effective means of avoiding this waste (and the impacts linked to plastic production and use). Carrying reusable bags and bottles is one great way to avoid single-use plastics in our day-to-day lives.
 - a. Define single use plastic.
 - b. Give one use of single use plastic.
 - c. State one reasonable use of plastic.
 - d. Suggest a remedy to reduce plastic usage.

- e. As per the graph given, which are the most used single use plastic?
- f. Write the central idea of the paragraph.
- g. The word in paragraph 1 'millennia' means a period of _____ years
- h. Write from para 5 that means 'gathering'

WRITING

NOTICE WRITING (4 MARKS)

1. You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of the school. The students of class 8 will be taken on a trip to a biscuit factory on 23 December. Draft a Notice for the school Notice board informing the students about the trip and submitting permission slips from parents. Also mention the timings and fees for transport and snacks.(50 words)
2. You are Srinivas /Srinidhi of D.P. Public School, Nagpur. As Student Editor of your school magazine, draft notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting article sketches from students of all classes.
3. You are Anu Desmukh/ Anoop Desmukh, the Sports Secretary of Laxman Public School,Bhilai. Your school has decided to host the regional level volley ball tournament. Draft a notice within 50 words for your school notice board inviting all the children of your school to cheer for the teams.
4. You are Vaishali Sharma/ Vaibhav Sharma, the Vice Head Girl/Vice Head Boy of Oxford High School, Bahadurgarh. Your school is organising an inter class Drawing and Painting Competition for classes V to VIII. Draft a notice inviting the students to participate. Give all necessary details.
5. You are Srijana, Srikant of Gitanjali Public School. Write a notice appealing students of your school to generously donate in cash and kind for the poor children of an orphanage.

EMAIL WRITING (4 marks)

1. Write an e-mail to your friend giving him some tips telling him how to fight global warming.(50 words)
2. Your friend wastes a lot of time on the internet visiting sites that are related to horoscopes and numerology. Write an e-mail advising him not to do so.(50 words)
3. Draft an email to your friend telling him/her about a historical place that you have recently visited.(50 words)
4. Congratulate your younger brother for winning first prize in the debate competition through email with in 50 words.
5. Write an email to your friend telling him about the van Mahotsav week celebrated in your school. (50 words)

Speech and letter writing (100-120 words) 8 MARKS

1. You are Manan / Manisha. You recently had an argument with your mother about the use of mobile phones.
 - a. Write a letter to your sister who lives in the college hostel stating how the mobile phone helps you in your day to day education .You can ideas from the given picture.
 - Helps me to stay connected to friends and teachers
 - Gather information from important sites
 - Can prepare PPT and projects
 - Can participate in online quizzes
 - Plenty of e -resources are available for students
 - b. Write a letter to your mother who is in your village, apologising for your behaviour .

HINTS

- Lost my patience
- Said words I did not mean
- Feel apologetic

- Promise never to repeat such behaviour.
- Will make sincere attempts to understand mother's point of view

3. Taking ideas from the hints given below draft a speech within 100-120 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic ' Generation Gap - causes and consequences'.

HINTS

- Lack Of Understanding
- Communication channels closed
- Times have changes greatly
- Influence of social media
- Too Many Comparisons
- Both generations should take a step forward
- One should practice patience and understanding

4. Taking ideas from the hints given below draft a speech within 100 120 words to be presented in the school assembly on the topic, ' Misuse of gadgets by the modern generation '

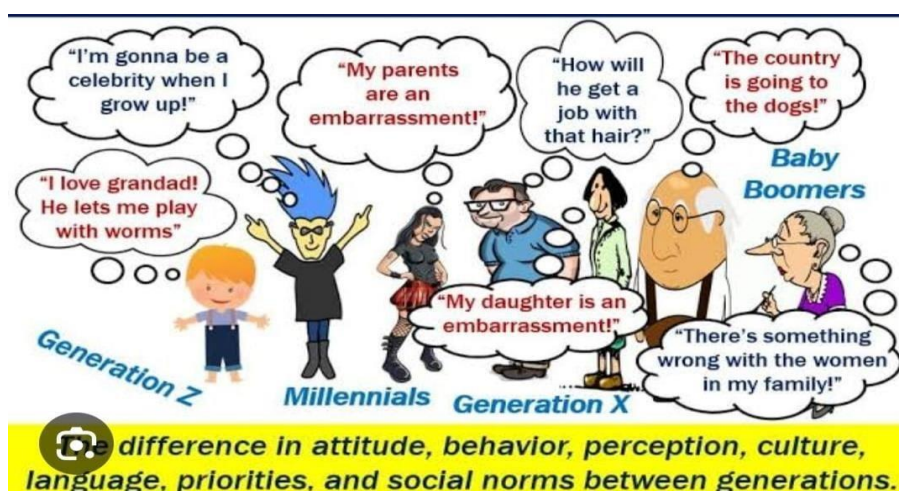
HINTS

- A gadget can be our best friend if used well.
- Students waste time money and energy on gadgets like mobiles.
- They become lazy and dependent.
- They lose physical ability and agility.
- Gadgets become their master

5. Draft a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic ' Internet- uses and misuses. You can take hints from the picture given below. (100-120 words)

Advantages/Disadvantages to the Learner in an Internet Learning Environment	
Advantages	Disadvantages
Freedom of where to study	No face-to-face contact (human interaction)
Freedom of when to study	Loss of immediacy in communications
Personal tuition	Computer literacy is required by both students and teachers
All students have direct communication with teacher	Access to computer equipment is required
Peer group support	Access to the Internet is required

6. You are Mrs. Sharma, the mother of a teenager. You are upset with his / her lifestyle choices. You have tried explaining your point of view to your son/ daughter but your discussions always end in arguments. Write a letter to a friend discussing the situation at home. You can take hints from the picture given below. (100-120 words)



7. You are Anant / Ananya. You are angry with your parents because you feel they enforce too much discipline. Write a letter to a friend discussing your situation at home.

HINTS

- Too much discipline makes one feel suffocated
- Parents of friend are more understanding
- A teenager not be so disciplined and systematic
- There are various other influences in a teenager's

GRAMMAR

TENSES

Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verb given in brackets.(1x4)

1. They a) ____ (be) the best cartoons ever... Mickey Mouse, Pink Panther, and even Transformers! They have been a popular cartoon series for more than 50 years. Recently, Superman, Ultraman, Spiderman and Batman have now b) ____ (make) into films and all these have an impact on children. Children c) ____ (tend) to imitate their superheroes. Today, new types of cartoon d) ____ (enter) the industry, such as Ben Ten, Angry Birds and our own local production, Upin and Ipin.
2. There a) ____ (be) many people at the funeral. They b) ____ (come) to pay their last respects to the deceased. One of the guests c) ____ (give) a small envelope that probably(d) ____ (contain) some money for the family.
3. Mary and Jane are twin sisters. When they a) ____ (be) born their mother b) ____ (die) They c) ____ (be) separated. Mary d) ____ (go) to live in France and Jane to England.
4. Dear Jakcie, Thank you very much for your letter. It ____ (a) great to hear from you. I ____ (leave) school. I c) ____ (leave) in July. I d) ____ (be) very happy there and miss my friends a lot.
5. Sarah a) ____ (love) travelling and now she b) (think) __ that one of her dreams c) ____ (come) true soon. Last year she d) ____ (finish) her studies at secondary school.

NARRATION

Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows using Reported speech.

(1x4)

1. Immigration Officer : Good morning, sir! Where are you coming from?

Peter : Paris, France.

Immigration Officer : May I have your passport, please?

Peter : Here you are. I am going to London.

Immigration Officer : Is it a business trip or a personal one?

Peter : Purely a pleasure trip! I have never been to the place.

The immigration officer greeted Peter and asked (a)..... Peter informed him(b).....

The officer then asked (c) Peter handed it over. The officer then asked (d)

2. Mom : Did you have the paranthas that I kept for you in the box?

Rima : No, ma! I wanted to have Maggi.

Mom : You will have those paranthas only for dinner tonight.

Rima : No!!! Please let me have noodles today. I promise to start eating healthy from tomorrow.

Mom enquired from Rima (a).....to which she replied that she had'nt. Mom furious and said that (b)..... c) Rima requested mother to allow her c) and promised d)

3.Ravana : Kumbhakarna! Do you realise that you gobble up food meant for one lakh people at one go? It is affecting our economy adversely.

Kumbhakarna : Oh Big Brother! I am equal to ten soldiers.

Ravana : But, you seem to be useless, little brother, when we are not at war!

Ravana asked Kumbhakarna (a).....and complained b).....adversely.

Kumbhakarna sharply retorted (c).....Ravana protested d)

4.Nurse : Madan, please take these pills. You did not take them yesterday either.

Nurse : You can't call me Hema here. Call me 'sister'.

Madan : But, you are my daughter!

Madan : Oh Hema, they are very bitter! I won't take any.

The nurse requested Madan a) as he hadn't b) Madan complained (c).....The nurse said (d).....and ordered him to call her 'sister'. Madan protested by saying that she was his daughter.

5. Alexa : Can I help you, sir?

Chintu : Can you do my homework?

Alexa : I cannot understand this.

Chintu : Even I can't understand it. It's tough algebra and geometry.

Alexa asked Chintu (a).....Chintu asked b).....

Alexa said that c)..... Chintu lamented (d).....

It was tough algebra and geometry.

OMISSION (1X4)

In the passages given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the word in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it, against each line number.

1.A wicked man once went to/Guru for initiation into spiritual life. Guru asked him give up at least one bad habit. He gave uttering a falsehood. That night, when he went the royal palace .	e.g.	to	a	Guru
	(a)	_____	_____	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
	(d)	_____	_____	_____

2.A world conference of animals/held and they said that the human the noblest of all animals, the final product untold ages of progressive evolution, but he not consciously striving to live up his heritage. The beasts wanted humans to kind and use the resources his disposal	e.g.	animal	was	held
	(a)	_____	_____	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
	(d)	_____	_____	_____

3.One day Krishna approached/guru and said,' "Oh wise one! We often find your eyes with tears." There must a strong reason for this grief. Please tell us. No act service can be so holy meritorious as restoring joy in our guru's heart.	e.g.,	approached	a	guru
	(a)	_____	_____	_____
	(b)	_____	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____	_____
	(d)	_____	_____	_____

4. There was king who used to ask people who came his kingdom, to tell him the correct path of realisation. Each one told king what elders told them. A servant in the court used listen to all questions.

e.g. was a king

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

EDITING ERROR

The following passages have not been edited. There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word which comes before it and the one that comes after it as shown in the example. (1x4)

	Incorrect word	Correct word
1. Two firemen had been killed while two others were injured after a cylinder has blown during their attempt to entered a shop on west of the city where the fire has been reported on the Friday morning. The locals spot a fire from a window and called the police.	a had been	were
	b _____	_____
	c _____	_____
	d _____	_____
	e. _____	_____

2. The recently news of felling of trees on a large scale come as the shock because people all around has become conscious in maintain ecological balance. The forest department has keep a strict vigil on the nefarious activities of such people	e.g. recently	recent
	a _____	_____
	b _____	_____
	c _____	_____
	d _____	_____

3. Peter and Micheal decide to Visit the science museum at there city. They ask Rahul who was their friend, If he will like to join them. Rahul was happy at the idea They bring their tickets at the gate and walked in.	eg decide	decided
	a _____	_____
	b. _____	_____
	c. _____	_____
	d. _____	_____

4. I have purchase a new house I had asked my parents to move in with me once construction was over. my friends encouraged me and say that I has realised his parents' dreams.	eg :purchase	purchased
	a. _____	_____
	b. _____	_____
	c. _____	_____
	d. _____	_____

Literature (16 MARKS)

Three Questions

Read the extracts and answer the following questions: (1X4)

1. "The hermit lived in a wood which he never left. He saw no one but simple people, and so the king put on ordinary clothes. Before he reached the hermit's hut the king left his horse with his bodyguard, and went on alone. As the king came near the hermit's hut, he saw the hermit digging the ground in front of his hut. He greeted the king and continued digging. The hermit was old and weak, and as he worked, he breathed heavily."

- i. Give reason why the hermit was breathing fast.
- ii. The king choose to wear ordinary clothes. This shows the king's ____

- iii. What was the hermit doing when the king visited him?
 - iv. List two qualities of the hermit that you like to practice in your life.
- Q2. "The king turned round and saw a bearded man running towards them. His hands were pressed against his stomach, from which blood was flowing. When he reached the king he fainted and fell to the ground. The king and the hermit removed the man's clothing and found a large wound in his stomach. The king washed and covered it with his handkerchief, but the blood would not stop flowing. The king re-dressed the wound until at last the bleeding stopped."
- i. Identify the bearded man.
 - ii. Mention what had happened to the man.
 - iii. What did the king do to stop the bleeding?
 - iv. Pick out a word that is the antonym of 'unharmd'
- Q3. "So I came out of my ambush to find you, and I came upon your bodyguards and they recognized me and wounded me. I escaped from them, but should have bled to death, had you not dressed my wounds."
- i. Name the speaker and the listener.
 - ii. State why the speaker had become a sworn enemy of the listener.
 - iii. Mention what the speaker had resolved to do.
 - iv. The king chose _____ over anger.

- Q4. "The thought came to a certain king that he would never fail if he knew three things. These three things were: What is the right time to begin something? Which people should he listen to? What is the most important thing for him to do? The king, therefore, sent messengers throughout his kingdom, promising a large sum of money to anyone who would answer these three questions. Many wise men came to the king, but they all answered his questions differently."
- i. The king wanted to know answer to the three questions. Give reason.
 - ii. Give reason why messengers were sent throughout the kingdom.
 - iii. Did any wise men win the reward? Give reason for your answer.
 - iv. Find a word from the passage whose antonym is ' foolish'

II. Answer the following questions briefly within 30 words. Each question carries two marks.

1. Mention the three questions that occurred to the king.
2. The king send messengers throughout his kingdom. Give reasons.
3. The king refused to give reward to anyone after hearing the answers from the learned men. Give reasons.
4. Do you think the King made a right decision by leaving his horse and guards in the outskirts of the forest. Justify the answer.
5. On the basis of your reading of the story 'The Three Questions, draw the character sketch of the Hermit and the King
6. The king wanted to know answers to the three questions. Give reasons.
7. List the replies the king received for his first question.
8. King has the right sense of judgement. Justify.
9. Do you think we should help people in need? Support your answer with proper evidence.
10. The king helped the hermit digging the beds. He even slept on the floor of the hut and lived like a simple man in the hermit hut. State the lesson one can learn from this behaviour of the king.
11. In response to the second question, several people opined that the king should take advice from a certain section of people. Which section of the people they were referring to.
12. Describe how the king and the hermit saved the wounded man's life.
13. Explain the importance of the present in your own words.

14. The king forgave his enemy and gained a friend. Analyse the importance of forgiveness in our life in this context.
15. State the central idea of the story 'Three Questions'.
16. The story 'Three Questions' has several characters the king, the hermit and the wounded man. Which of them is your favourite and why?
17. The hermit did not answer the king's questions immediately but waited for the king to find out the answers himself. This kind of learning is known as experiential learning. Discuss the importance of learning by doing in this context.
18. The past is dead and future unborn. Explain the importance of not dwelling in the past but moving on in life with reference to the statement.
19. Give the reason why the bearded man wanted revenge.
20. It is said revenge is sweet but its fruits are bitter. If one of your friends is angry and wants to take revenge on someone who has hurt him or her how would you dissuade him.

III. Diary Entry (100 WORDS) 6 MARKS

- a. Imagine yourself to be the King in the story 'Three Questions'. Write a Diary entry describing your feelings after making peace with the enemy.
- b. Imagine yourself as the King from the story 'Three Questions'. You have got your answers from the hermit. Write your feelings about the experience in a Diary entry.
- c. After reading the story 'Three Questions' you realised the value of present time. Write a letter to your younger brother conveying him the importance of present time.

GRANNY'S TREE CLIMBING

I. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1X4)

1. "My grandmother was a genius. You'd like to know why?
Because she could climb trees spreading or high,
She's up their branches in a trice. And mind you,
When she last climbed a tree, she was sixty two."
 - a) Name the poem and the poet.
 - b) The poet calls his granny a genius. Give a reason
 - c) Mention the age when she last climbed a tree.
 - d) Find the word from the passage that means the same as 'an exceptionally talented person'.
2. "Ever since childhood, she'd had this gift
For being happier in a tree than in a lift;
And though, as years went by, she would be told That
climbing trees should stop when one grows old."
 - a) who does 'she' refer to?
 - b) Which gift of 'she' has been stated here?
 - c) Who gave her this gift and at what age did she acquire it?
 - d) Mention the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
3. "Then she sat up in bed and said, 'I'll lie here no longer!'
And she called for my father and told him undaunted,
That a house in a tree top, was what she now wanted
My dad knew his duties. He said, 'That's alright'."
 - a) Give a reason why 'she' was on bed.
 - b) Pick out the line that shows her great love for climbing trees.
 - c) Who does 'My' refer to?

- d) Find a word from the stanza which means the same as 'fearless'.
4. "She sits there in state and drinks sherry with me upholding her right to reside on a tree"
- The phrase 'in state' suggests that granny feels like a queen in her kingdom when she is among nature. State whether the statement is true or false.
 - Who does 'me' refer to here?
 - Granny had demanded for a tree top house. Her son and grandson left no stone unturned to fulfill her wish. State one value children of the modern generation should learn from this.
 - 'There' refers to the narrators bedroom. State true or false.

II. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. Each question carries two marks

- My grandmother was a genius writes Ruskin Bond. Do you think the poet is justified in calling his grandmother a genius simply because she can climb trees. Give reason for your answer.
- Granny can be best described as a nature lover. Justify
- Granny was the happiest when she was in the lap of nature. Do you think in the current scenario when deforestation is rampant and people have lost all respect for nature, we need more and more people like granny? Give reason for your answer.
- Granny learnt climbing trees in her childhood. Suggest some activities children can learn from their early childhood that will help them conserve resources, in particular, nature.
- State the reaction of the family when granny continued climbing trees even in her old age.
- Draw the character sketch of granny.
- The doctor prescribed granny complete bed rest. Explain granny's reaction to this advice.
- 'Age is just a number'. Justify the statement with reference to 'Granny's tree climbing.'
- Grandma had been in the habit of climbing trees for a very long period. Justify this line by providing evidence from the poem.
- Imagine that your granny had a hobby which could harm her physically. Would you discourage her from following it? Give reason for your answer.

III. Diary Entry (Within 100 words) 6MARKS

- Imagine you are granny. Write a Diary entry expressing your feelings after your son made a tree top house for you.
- Imagine yourself to be the poet of the poem 'Granny's Tree Climbing' 'Write a Diary entry expressing your feelings on Granny's ardent desire to climb a tree.
- You are Rajat/Rani. Write a letter to your grand mother conveying her that 'Age is just a number' by giving her example of granny in 'Granny's Tree Climbing'

THE FUN THEY HAD

I. Read the extracts and answer the following questions 1X4

1. "It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to-on a screen. "

- Give reason why the pages of the book were yellow.
- State why Margie was surprised to see the book.
- Find a word from the passage that means 'with many folds or lines'.
- Mention why Tommy and Margie found the old book funny.

2. "Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom and the mechanical teacher was on and waiting for her. It was always on at the same time every day except Saturday and Sunday because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours."

- i. Where was Margie's school?
- ii. The line 'mechanical teacher was on' means _____.
- iii. Give one reason why Margie was not happy with the mechanical teacher.
- iv. Mention the days when Margie had holidays.

3. "Tommy looked at her with very superior eyes. "Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is the old kind of school that they had hundreds and hundreds of years ago." He added loftily."

- i. Give reason why Tommy calls Margie stupid .
- ii. What does 'they' here refer to ?
- iii. Find the word which means "in a superior way".
- iv. State one difference between Tommy's school and your own.

4. "Margie did so with a sigh. She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighbourhoods came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so that they could help one another with the home work and talk about it."

- i. Margie is a student in the year ____.
- ii. Margie's education was incomplete because she lacked friends. Write True or False.
- iii. Which word in the passage means "breathing out deeply" ?
- iv. The words ,laughing and shouting suggests that students of the old schools were _____ with their education.

II. Answer the following questions within 30 words .Each question carries two marks

1. Describe the book found in the attic.
2. Explain the subject matter written in Margie's diary entry.
3. What did the children mean by the real book?
4. Describe the kind of teachers Margie and Tommy have.
5. Compare and contrast between the school that Margie and Tommy had and the old school.
6. "Margie was disappointed", says the author. Give reasons for her disappointment.
7. Explain Margie's reaction when Tommy told her that twentieth-century schools had human teachers.
8. Justify 'The Fun They Had ' as a futuristic story.
9. Describe how the old school influenced Margie.
10. Will future schools be completely devoid of humans? Give your view.
11. Analyse the role of a human teacher in the life of a student on the basis of the lesson 'The fun they had' .
12. The old schools are considered fun by the modern generation. Explain.

III. Diary Entry 6 MARKS(100 WORDS)

1. Suppose you are Margie. Write a diary entry dated 17 May 2157 about Tommy's real book that he found in his attic.
2. Imagine you are Margie in the story 'The Fun They Had'. Write a diary entry expressing your thoughts about having a human teacher.