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MARKING SCHEME WITH MODEL ANSWER

TIME ALLOWED- 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS-80

SECTION A (READING SKILLS)- 20 MARKS

Reading Comprehension through Unseen Passages

1.	Read the following text.	10 Marks
(1)	Veteran Industrialist Ratan Tata, known for transforming Tata group into Conglomerate through strategic acquisitions and business expansions, passed away at 86. His tenure saw the growth and the modernization of the group, maintaining its social values.	
(2)	Born to Naval Tata and Sonoo Tata on December 28, 1937, Tata and his younger brother were brought up by their grandmother Navajbai R Tata. (after their parents got divorce in 1940) in a baroque manor called Tata Palace in Downtown Bombay .(now Mumbai)	
(3)	Ratan Tata went to Cornell University in United States where he studied Architecture and Structural Engineering. He travelled the country and was so charmed by the West Coast Life style that he was ready to settle down in Los Angeles. But when Lady Navajbi's health deteriorated, Tata was compelled to return back to India in 1962	
(4)	Tata was offered a Job at Tata Plant at Jamshedpur and he worked at the shop floor as an apprentice. He was nurtured and industrially groomed by Sir JRD Tata. In 1981 he was elevated as chairman of Tata Industries when Sir JRD Tata Stepped down. Tata had to face apprehensions within the group itself to prove his acumen, he was distantly related to Sir JRD Tata and that irked a lot of relatives as Sir JRD hated cronyism	
(5)	During his tenure, the group's revenues grew manifold. Tata was the chairman of major Tata companies. Tata was a famous and trustworthy Indian Brand which was making salt to satellites and they acquired famous brands like Tetley, Range-Rover, Jaguar and many like them. Tata Consultancy services took a huge leap in the arena of IT and Consultation and became highest Job Giver after Indian Railways. One cannot find a single house in India devoid of a Tata product.	
(6)	Less than a decade from the millennium, the Tata group was bloated, unevenly managed and excessively bureaucratic behemoth operating in India that had only begun jettisoning the jargon of socialism and the shibboleths of policy making that has promised plenty and	

	delivered little. Ratan Tata changed the group for the better in a more substantial manner than any of the luminaries under whose care the organization evolved since its inception in 1868.
(7)	Ratan Tata, the chairman Emeritus of the Tata Sons was inspired to make Tata Nano after seeing a heart wrenching scene of an Indian Family of four riding on a scooter during rain and falling into a pothole. He wanted to make road travel safe and more affordable for middle class Indians. He rolled out Tata Nano during Auto Expo in January 2008 and started its sales in 2009, it was the cheapest car of the world and soon became huge hit not only in India but also in Sri Lanka, Netherlands and other European countries.
(8)	The silver haired business tycoon backed the many startups like Ola, Car-Dekho, Snapdeal, Paytm and big-basket etc. He famously said that he viewed these investments as a “learning experiences” .He has a stellar track record as a businessman and a philanthropist who donated more than \$ 1.2 billion (approximately Rs. 9000 crores) for philanthropic causes. He was the true Gem of India and will be revered for the ages to come.

Created for academic usage

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

I	<p>Why is the undertone of the writer while mentioning “Salt to Satellites”</p> <p>(a) Tata group is making Salt and Satellites. (b)Tata group is making plethora products. (c)Tata group is constraint to making few products. (d) Tata group has proven his acumen in building chemical and space technological products.</p> <p>Ans. Option (b) Tata group is making plethora products.</p>	1
II	<p>The writer claims in paragraph 3 that ‘<i>Ratan Tata was compelled to return to India in 1962</i>’. Infer the probable reason in your response in about 40 words.</p> <p>Ans. Value Points (any one of the following)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratan Tata returned to take care of his ailing Grandmother. • Kept his grandmother above his dreams and charm for the USA. • Showed his true gentleman’s spirit by being next to his old and ailing grandmother. • Sacrificed his young dreams to help her old grandmother in her final days. <p>Any other valid point</p> <p>Model Answer- Ratan Tata was charmed by the novice culture of USA but he decided to go back to attend her grandmother who was old and ailing. He took up his duty as a grandson above his fascination for the country.</p>	2
III	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately with a vital point.</p> <p>One cannot find a single house in India devoid of a Tata product as.....</p>	1

	<p>Ans.</p> <p>Tata made plenty of products for Indian people Tata made wide range of products which were consumed/ used in Indian Households Tata products ranged from salt to satellite (common to rare) products as it is one of the most famous company of India</p> <p>Any other value point.</p>	
IV	<p>State whether the following statement is True or False. During the last decade of the millennium; the spectrum of ' ease of doing business ' was excellent in India.</p> <p>Ans. False</p>	1
V	<p>Complete the sentence given below appropriately. Ratan Tata backed up many start-ups as.....</p> <p>Ans. He saw them as "Learning experience"</p>	1
VI	<p>Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, why the writer says . "Tata had to face apprehensions within the group itself to prove his acumen"</p> <p>Value Points- (any One)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratan Tata was chosen over cronyism • JRD took decision for the betterment of Tata group by providing a meticulous leader like Ratan Tata • Close relatives of JRD Tata wanted to acquire the bog conglomerate but their dreams were quashed by Ratan Tata <p>Any other Valid point</p> <p>Ans. Ratan Tata was chosen by Sir JRD Tata on his merit to lead the conglomerate; it had irked many relatives as they thought that Ratan Tata was an Outsider who had diminished their chance to acquire such a giant company.</p>	2
VII	<p>The statement given below provides an Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided below.</p> <p>Assertion: Tata Nano was the cheapest car of the world. Reason: It was cheaper than bike, and was easily available.</p> <p>(i) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. (ii) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. (iii) A is true but R is false. (iv) A is false but R is true.</p> <p>Ans. (iii) A is true but R is false</p>	1
VIII	<p>Match the given year with the notable event from the life and history of Tata.</p>	1

	Year	Notable Event	
	1. 1868	a. Nano launched at Auto expo	
	2. 1991	b. Tata started a trading firm	
	3. 2008	c. forsake his dreams to start afresh	
	4. 1981	d. executed radical modifications	
	5. 1962	e. ascended on Tata throne	
Ans,	1. 1868- Tata started a trading firm 2. 1991- executed radical modifications 3. 2008 – Nano launched at Auto-Expo 4. 1981- Ascended on Tata throne 5. 1962 – forsake his dreams to start afresh		

2. Read the following text.

10 Marks

1. The Burgeoning popularity of the reality TV has ushered in a new era of entertainment, capturing the global audience's fascination with unscripted/scripted drama and real life spectacle. Among these, "Big Boss", an Indian adaptation of Dutch reality show "Big Brother", has emerged as cultural phenomenon, offering viewers a gawking glimpse into the lives of its participants. However, beneath the veneer of entertainment. "Big Boss" has been subject of increasing scrutiny for its potential psychological and societal repercussions.
2. It's been few days since celeb inmates have been locked up for a well rated public-view- Big Boss 18. This show got the eyeballs thanks to a queer mix of participants who can bicker at the drop of a hat. But an attempt to get a professional psychoanalyse the 18 "Big Boss" inmates revealed that the reality show is on the hate list of almost entire fraternity. "I would not recommend the show to anyone. Being confined in a house brings out the worst in everyone and the audience seems to be enjoying this", said a city based psychiatrist.
3. The show has adapted its name and its core concept from the Masterpiece of George Orwell- '1984', where' Big Brothe'r is the character and the symbol, an ostensible ruler who kept a constant watch on the inhabitants of Oceania. Are we, the Indian audience so stressed that we have reduced our self to watching negativity of other people's lives for entertainment or have we lost purpose in our lives?
4. The concept of "Big Boss" seems to be something like what was practised in prisons in the olden days where people were confined to a restricted place and left alone without any activities, which pushed them to be frustrated and hence break down emotionally. Adding that the emotional drama, due to constant negative

reaction, gossip, conflicts etc is what makes this show popular.

Adapted for academic usage(Anjali Chabbriya- Hindustan Times)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

I	<p>Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Para 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">fast : rapid flourishing ::</p> <p>Ans. Flourishing:: Burgeoning</p>	1
II	<p>Choose the most appropriate option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blanks.</p> <p>Studies Have... (have/has) Shown that reality TV shows like “Big Boss” are not just “harmless entrainment” . Theycan..... (must/ can) severely damage your mental health.</p>	2
III	<p>Neeta is an ardent fan of the show mentioned in the passage. What changes you can expect her to develop after watching this show? Give reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Ans. Value Points (Any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can become loud, self-centric and cynic• Can develop habit of gossip• Can become judgemental and over-reactive• Can show depression and frustration• Can become manipulative and quarrelsome• Develop negative opinions about others• Can show frequent emotional outbursts• Become fussy about trivial matters or things• Develop low-esteem• Become an imposter to gain attention <p>Any other valid point</p> <p>Model Answer:-</p> <p>As Neeta is an ardent fan of the show she is likely to show frequent emotional outbursts and may develop Narcissistic attitude ignoring others around her. She may lose friends and will definitely have altercations with the family members over trivial issues.</p>	2
IV	<p>What should be the purpose of life?</p> <p>Ans. Value Points (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be a good and successful person• To be independent• To be famous with plenty of money to do ample charity	1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide every facility to our parents • To good for our country and humanity <p>Any other value points</p> <p>Model Answer-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The purpose of life should be to able to find happiness in simple things, to have good thoughts and to do good to all.</p>	
V	<p>What are the reasons for the huge viewership of the mentioned reality show?</p> <p>Value points (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous nagging • Back biting • Bickering and yelling • Conflicts • Negativity • Scripted altercations • Emotional life stories recalled by participants • To feel connected with the participants <p>Any other valid Point</p> <p>Model Answer-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">There are certain elements which kindle the popularity of the show like following their favourite celebrity, emotional outburst of inmates in confinement and their altercations with each other skyrocket the TRP charts and make this show immensely popular.</p>	1
VI	<p>What is the nearest meaning of the phrase- On drop of a hat</p> <p>(a) To start competing against each other.</p> <p>(b) To engage in hat throwing competition.</p> <p>(c) To engage in a philosophical conversation.</p> <p>(d) To start something instantly without any hesitation</p> <p>Ans. (d) To start something instantly without any hesitation</p>	1
VII	<p>According to the passage, which of the given statement is true?</p> <p>(a) Watching reality has positive repercussions.</p> <p>(b) George Orwell is the Big Boss.</p> <p>(c) Participants are on the hate-list of Big-Boss.</p> <p>(d) Indian Big Boss is adapted from Dutch reality Show 'Big Brother'.</p> <p>Ans. (d) Indian Big Boss is adapted from Dutch reality Show 'Big Brother'.</p>	1
VIII	State whether the following statement is TRUE OR FALSE.	1

	<i>Living with strangers brings out the best of your capacities, curbs your insecurities and moulds you in a healthy manner.</i>	
	Ans. False	
ix	Ans- fraternity	

SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS)- 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR	10 Marks
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3.	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10=10				
I	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.</p> <p>Respected Sir, This is in response to your advertisement in “The Daily Post” dated 25 September 2024.....regarding..... (regard) the job for a teacher in Tagore Public School.</p>	1				
II	<p>Read the given sentence from a review article in a newspaper. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.</p> <p>Several passengers injure in severe turbulence on Air India flight from Delhi to Sydney.</p> <p>Use the given format for the response.</p> <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td>injure</td><td>injured</td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION	injure	injured	1
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III	<p>Report the following sentence.</p> <p>Rohan said, “<i>I like the book.</i>”</p> <p>Ans. <i>Rohan said that he liked the book.</i></p>	1				
IV	<p>Read the dialogues between Raj and Yash. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogues.</p> <p>Raj: I’m working as an HR in Air India in Delhi. By the way, what have you been doing all these years?</p> <p>Yash: I did B.E. in Aeronautical Engineering from London and have come for an Interview at Air India.</p> <p>Raj told Yash that he was working as an HR in Air India and asked him..... Sahil replied that he had done B.E in Aeronautical Engineering from London and had come for an interview at the Air India.</p>	1				

	<div><div><div>i. What he had been doing all those years?</div><div>ii. What he had been doing all these years?</div><div>iii. What he had been doing all those years.</div><div>iv. What was he doing all these years.</div></div><div>Ans. (iii) What he had been doing all those years. (Backshift rule)</div></div>					
V	<div><div>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an online update.</div><div>Police found that a man was shooting a dangerous stunt reel inside a Delhi Metro Coach and is now wanted. Please inform the SHO Rajeev Chowk Metro on 1234567890 or 1511 (control room) or 112 (police helpline). Identity of informer..... confidential.</div><div><div>(i) will be kept</div><div>(ii) should kept</div><div>(iii) would keep</div><div>(iv) keep</div></div><div>Ans. (i) will be kept</div></div>	1				
VI	<div><div>Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence.</div><div>I saw Richard when I am on the flight</div><div>Use the given format for the response.</div><table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td>am</td><td>was</td></tr></table></div>	ERROR	CORRECTION	am	was	1
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VII	<div><div>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence from a health magazine.</div><div>When HDL is at healthy levels in your blood. It extra cholesterol and plaque building up in your arteries and then sends it to tour liver.</div><div><div>(i) Remove</div><div>(ii) Removes</div><div>(iii) Removed</div><div>(iv) Removing</div></div><div>Ans. (ii) Removes</div></div>	1				
VIII	<div><div>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.</div><div>The founders of Zerodha, which is an online stock trading company, have revealed that they do not hire people who have passed out from colleges, including the IIt. IIM. While the report..... Zerodha’s founder. Nitin</div></div>	1				

	<p>Kamath, feels it very tough to fit such people in his organization.</p> <p>(i) might astonish you (ii) ought to astonish you (iii) astonished you (iv) astonish you</p> <p>Ans. (i) might astonish you</p>																
IX	<p>Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter by completing the sentence.</p> <p>Rashi said to her mother," <i>I want a scoop of Ice-Cream.</i>"</p> <p>Rashi said to her mother that she wanted a scoop if Ice-cream.</p>	1															
X	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: <i>Your overall healthy depends on your healthy food and healthy thoughts.</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option</th><th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>Healthy</td><td>Health</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>Depends</td><td>Depend</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>Your</td><td>You</td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>Thoughts</td><td>Thought</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Option	Error	Correction	A	Healthy	Health	B	Depends	Depend	C	Your	You	D	Thoughts	Thought	1
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XI	<p>Complete the line by filling the blank with the correct option.</p> <p>It was roses, roses all the way, With myrte mixed in paths like mad The house roofs..... to heave and sway The church-spires flamed, Such flags they had A year ago on this day.</p> <p>(i) seem (ii) seems (iii) had seem (iv) seemed</p> <p>Ans. (iv) seemed</p>	1															
XII	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence from a health magazine.</p>	1															

	<p>Chia seeds, an excellentof plant-based protein, can also be used in home-made granola bars, along with nuts and other ingredients, to increase its nutrition content.</p> <p>(i) sourced (ii) sources (iii) source (iv) sourcing</p> <p>Ans. (iii) source</p>	
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WRITING (10 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4	<p>Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.</p> <p>A. You are Riddhi/ Rahil resident of 34 Paradise Residency, Ajmer. You know that the playing sports and games develop us physically, mentally and socially. However facilities for sports and games are very poor in your city. Write a letter to Municipal commissioner of your city complaining about the same and requesting him/her to provide more such facilities for the town's residents. (you can invent other details as required for your answer)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Format-1 Content-2 Accuracy-1 Expression-1</p> <p>Value Points- (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games sports integral part of our well being • Extremely important to follow healthy and fit life-style • Need of the hour • Curse of sedentary life style • Proper infrastructure to be added • Open air gyms are in pathetic condition/ not maintained • Awareness campaign • 'Fit Me Fit India ' drive <p>Any other valid point(s)</p> <p>Riddhi/ Rahil 34 Paradise Residency Ajmer.</p> <p>Date:-.... November,2024</p> <p>Subject- Unfit Facilities of Games and sports in Ajmer.</p>	5
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a resident of Ajmer who aspire to be fit and healthy and wish to undertake sports as my line of career but it breaks my spirit to say that our city is at total collapse in the field of Games and sports. I feel urged to say that our country aspires to be super-power but by neglecting games and sports that dream will remain distant and vague. Our area requires an upliftment of the Open Gym which has been broken and dangerous for any exercise and the running track is in dilapidated state, looks more like a wild trail.

You are requested to look into the matter and take robust steps to put our Games and sports facilities back on track. Adding to it, there should be appointment of Coaches and PETs to guide the young kids to become better sportspersons. Our city needs to come back on the Health and fitness index for this I request you to devise a Mass awareness programme like "fit Me Fit India" which will rope in the hundreds of youngsters like me.

I hope you will take us to a healthy start.

Thanking You
Yours Truly
Riddhi Rahil

OR

B. You are Gouri/Gautam resident of 56 Swami Nagar Ambala. After seeing many newspaper reports about defacing and doing graffiti on various historical sites and monuments you feel as it is your moral duty to raise this alarming issue. Write a letter to the Editor of Hindustan Times, Chandigarh expressing your concern and also suggest some ways to curb this nuisance. Invent other necessary details as required for your answer.

Marking Scheme

Format-1

Content-2

Accuracy-1

Expression-1

Value Points- (any two)

- India home of Indus-valley civilization
- Many historic monuments
- People deface
- Graffiti like writing their names and contact numbers
- Need to preserve them
- High penalty with provision of imprisonment
- Awareness campaign
- Proper monitoring and conservation

Any other valid point(s)

Gouri/Gautam
56, Swami Nagar
Ambala

Date:- November, 2024

Subject:- Raise concern over Defacing of historical monuments.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As your newspaper serves as a mouthpiece truth of millions. I want to raise a serious red flag in area of our old and historic monuments. India is the cradle of one of the oldest civilizations of the world. Our historic monuments are an epitome of Architecture and skill-man-ship. It pains me to see our historical monuments in a sorry state as some anti-social elements deface them and do graffiti on them using coal, paint and various other objects.

We are blessed to have such a rich history and marvelous monuments but' just for the sake of fun' we are seeing our monuments in a pathetic state. These monuments must be preserved at any cost. A nationwide preservation and curation campaign should be launched A task force should be made and proper vigilance is to be ensured by installing CCTV cameras. The wrong doers should be severely punished with high penalty and imprisonment.

Presently by taking these steps we can preserve our past for our future generation.

Thanking You
Yours Truly
Gouri/Gautam

Enclosure:

- 1) Old reports published by newspapers
- 2) Photographs of Graffiti and defacing

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Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A You are Mukti/ Mohan, the senior student representative of PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Banar, Jodhpur and you have been assigned to choose your deputy from the given display details of the five candidates .

Analyse the Candidates choose your deputy while presenting the valid reasons for your selection

Name	Motto	Participation	Achievement	Qualities	Drawbacks
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		in activities			
Mayank	Love conquers all	Music club Art club	1 st prize in Kala Utsav in Solo Song	Humble Organized Active listener	At times lazy
Rahil	Never give up	Debate club Quiz club	1 st prize in inter-house quiz contest	Hardworking consistent	Takes stress
Atharv	Strive for excellence	Dance club Literary club	1 st prize in essay writing contest	Innovative compassionate	At times Procrastinates
Ruby	Service to man is service to God	Sports club Science club	Gold medal in swimming	Responsible systematic	At times over thinks
Vibha	Service before self	Social service club Science club	Rajya Puraskar in Guide	Helpful Curious	At times too critical

You may begin like this:

As I am shouldering the responsibility of choosing the deputy student representative, I strongly feel that.....

You may end like this:

For these reasons I believe should be selected as Deputy Student Representative.

Marking Scheme

Content-3

Accuracy-1

Organisation of ideas -1

Value points (any two)

- Positive aspects of the given candidates
- Some negative aspect
- Motto and vision
- Why he/she should be given chance to become deputy
- Impact

Any other valid reason(s)

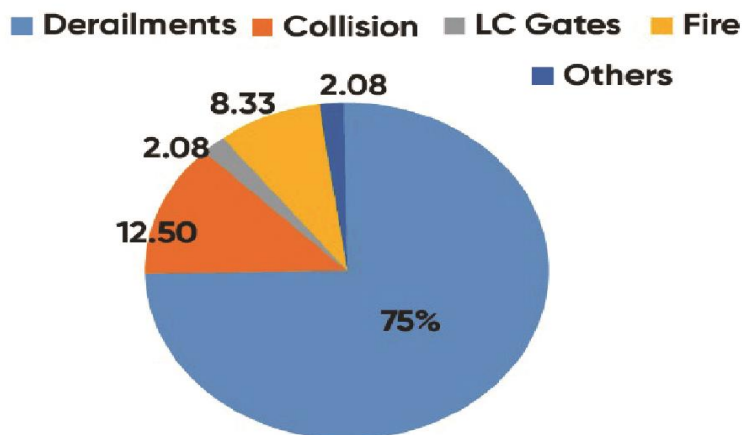
As I am shouldering the responsibility of choosing the deputy student representative, after going through their manifestos and examining their candidature forms I have arrived at an decision that Atharv should be given a chance to become deputy as he is bubbling with positive vibes and possesses creativity. He 'strive for excellence' and never settles for anything less than perfection. Innovation is the need of the hour and the gift of 'Thinking out of the box' of Atharv could prove very useful for our vidyalaya. He is innovative and is equally compassionate towards others. He loves to teach and learn from others. He may make a good team of budding artists, dancers, poets and writers under his able supervision. His grey area is he procrastinates but according to me, it could be mended easily under the watchful eyes of teachers. Our school is the nursery of young and budding artists, sportspersons and innovators and by being a deputy; Atharv can work for the achievement of the common goal- Making our Vidyalaya the best school in the Country. For above mentioned reasons I believe Atharv should be selected as Deputy Student Representative.

Mukti/Mohan

OR

- A. In the report Published by Ministry of Railways following are the major causes of the rail accidents during the year 2022-2023 the main insight was to analyse and understand the reason behind train accidents.

Accident Cases 2022-23



(LC Gate- Level Crossing gate(barrier that blocks the path of the road vehicles at a railway crossing

Summarize the information in the chart by selecting and reporting the main features and write an analytical paragraph.

Marking Scheme
Content-2
Accuracy-1

Expression-1

Value Points (any two with listing of the contributors)

- Railway backbone of our infrastructure
 - Accidents a common headline
 - Safety and security is at stake
 - Loss of lives and business
 - Listing of major threat to rail safety
 - Serious make-over is required
- Any other Valid Reason(s)

The Derailed Rail

The given pie-charts lists the one of the sore issues of our Indian connectivity. Railways are the spine of our infrastructure and join our vast nation with its superb connectivity. We dream of running stellar bullet train with the speed of light and thunder which will boost the mobility rate and will add to our infrastructure but when we look at the real scenario it narrates a different dark story. These days more than 75% of the rail accidents are attributed to Derailments. Derailments occur everywhere and is a hard blow on our rail infrastructure. Second deadly contributor with 12.50% is train collision accidents which takes their toll by claiming many lives. Deadly accidents like Balasore which claimed lives 1200 people still give us deadly chills. Third contributor is the fire accidents with 8.33%. Minor yet worry-some contributors are Line Crossing Gate accidents where people are usually killed in a hurry. Stone pelting on super-speed trains like Vande Bharat are also occurring due to sick-mentality of some trouble-creators. These deadly figures project the current safety scenario of the Indian Railways which needs a serious Make-over. The rail-lines should be strengthened for smooth functioning. The rails should be monitored with proper signals. In the nut shell, I would like to state that our economy rely on rails we need to bring a paradigm shift to ensure complete safety to avoid such type of life claiming and loss imposing accidents.

READING TEXT-**40 MARKS**

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.	5
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A	Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without a bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. (Glimpses of India- A Baker from Goa)	
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i	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE Sandwiches were a must have delicacy to be prepared by mother of the going-to-be-bride. Ans. True	1
ii	What was the importance of a Baker in a Goan Village? Value Points (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children/people used to wait eagerly• Provider of daily bread• Festivities and feast incomplete without a baker Any other valid Point Ans. Baker had a distinction of being a culinary artisan in Goan Village as he was needed at every occasion and he was the caterer of breads who provided breads on daily basis or on auspicious occasions/festivities and feasts.	2
iii	Which word from the passage means similar to the 'celebration meals'? (a) Charm (b) Occasion (c) Engagement (d) Feast Ans. (Feast)	1
iv	What was the importance of Bol during Goan weddings? Value Points (any one) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Symbol of marriage festivity	1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customary to make bol during weddings • Symbol of sharing • Must on marriage feast list <p>Any other valid reason</p> <p>Ans. Bol was a marriage delicacy prepared exclusively during weddings. It was given as a marriage gift. It served as a symbol of community and shared joy.</p>	
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OR

B	<p>Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach and against his wings.</p> <p>(His First Flight)</p>
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I	<p>Which of the following depicts the correct state of the Seagull</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Seagull was calm and composed and was sure about his acumen in aviation. (b) Seagull was on the brink of the painful death. (c) Seagull was at complete mercy of the Gods and his mother was hoping for a miracle. (d) Seagull's intuitions and latent skills helped him in conquering over his fright <p>Ans. (d) Seagulls intuitions and latent skills helped him in conquering over his fright.</p>	1
li	<p>'Seagull waited in the moment of surprise to let his intuitions assist him to overcome his cardinal fear'. Justify or refute the statement with suitable evidence from the given extract. Answer in about 40 words</p> <p>Value Points (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took a moment to grasp the gravity of achievement • Moment of self-belief • No longer falling but flying • Born to fly • Underestimated his skills. • Processed the vast-line of his success 	2

	<p>Any other valid reason</p> <p>Ans. I whole-heartedly support the statement as the Seagull was no longer a coward, he waited for a moment to grasp the gravity and he fluttered his wings and his wings supported him quashing his prejudice and he conquered the blue sky with his avian skills.</p>	
iii	<p>What did he feel about his wings?</p> <p>Value Points (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self doubt and apprehensive about his wings • Wings would not support him • Wings too small <p>Any other valid reason</p> <p>Ans. The Seagull was trapped in the self-induced prejudice and was apprehensive about strength of his wings. He thought his wings would not support him to fly and he was dreaded to fly.</p>	1
iv	<p>Complete the analogy by selecting the most suitable option from the above extract.</p> <p>begin: last :: moving: Still</p>	1

7	Read the following stanzas below and attempt the questions for ANY ONE that follow.	5
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A	<p><i>He should be lurking in the shadow</i> <i>Sliding through the grass</i> <i>Near the waterhole</i> <i>Where plump deer pass.</i></p> <p>(A Tiger in the Zoo)</p>	
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I	<p>Fill in the blank appropriately with ONE word only.</p> <p>Enjambment is the poetic device used as sentence is continuing to the next line without any punctuation mark.</p>	1
li	<p>Why does the Tiger lurking in the shadow?</p> <p>Value Points (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born to hunt • Right to live 	2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the food chain Nostalgic about his past Actual place of a tiger is in jungle rather than zoo <p>Any other Valid reason(s)</p> <p>Ans. The tiger is probably suffering from separation anxiety where he is ripped of his real place. He is born to hunt and kill and sustain his place in the food chain or food pyramid but unfortunately he is caged and confined feeling nostalgia about his good old past.</p>	
lii	<p>What does the poet try to create?</p> <p>(a) Image of bearing skills of Tiger (b) Image of survival skills of deer (c) Image of hunting skills of Tiger (d) Image of bravery of Deer</p> <p>Ans. (c) image of hunting skills of tiger</p>	1
iv	<p>Select a word from the stanza which means opposite to the – Skinny</p> <p>Ans. Skinny X Plump</p>	1

OR

B	<p>The night is fresh, the whole moon shines In a sky open The smell of leaves and lichen Still reaches like a voice into the rooms.</p> <p>(The Trees)</p>	
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I	<p>On the first glimpse the line- ‘ Still reaches like a voice into the room’ seems to be powered by-</p> <p>(a) simile (b) refrain (c) alliteration (d) repetition</p> <p>Ans. (a) Simile (smell of leaves is compared to a voice of revolution/mutiny)</p>	1
li	<p>What is the theme(s) of the given lines? Elaborate it in about 40 words.</p> <p>Value Points (Any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mutiny is turning into a revolution trees/women have achieved their feat end of their suffering 	2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • embrace their newly attained political/social/emotional freedom • embrace true spirit of feminism <p>(Imp. Note- Line of feminism to be followed in interpretation of this poem)</p> <p>Ans. The poem is the remarkable poem with a core theme of feminism. The women are celebrating their feat as they have freed themselves from the shackles of the age-old bondage of limited rights and patriarchal society. The combined effort has turned a small mutiny into a big revolution of acquiring respect and equal rights.</p>	
iii	<p>What does the poet symbolize when he uses the phrase ‘smell of leaves’?</p> <p>Value Points (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sacrifice • continuous and untiring effort • togetherness in achieving the feat <p>Ans. The poet has used “smell of leaves” as a strong motif and symbol and during revolution for attainment of equal rights many fellow revolutionaries laid down their lives. The stories of their utmost sacrifice will be guiding stars for the upcoming generations.</p>	1
iv	<p>Select word from the stanza which means opposite to the – Dull</p> <p>Ans. Fresh Shines (any one of the given words)</p>	1

8.	Answer <u>ANY FOUR</u> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i	<p>What was demanded in the letter? How were the demands met? (A letter to God)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek help from god • money to sow fields • 100 Pesos to sow the field and survive till the crop grows • Charity • Collected 70 Pesos <p>Ans. Lencho faced a natural calamity of hailstorm which ruined his field, as he believed in God and his words” No One Dies Of Hunger” , he sought celestial help. He wrote a letter to God demanding 100 Pesos to sow his fields and survive till the crops are</p>	3

	<p>yielded.</p> <p>The demands were huge and the means were meager, in order to keep the faith of Lencho the Post Master launched a Charity Drive and was able to collect 70 Pesos.</p>	
ii	<p>How did the Mijbil pass his time in the author's home in London? (Mijbil the otter)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet from marshes of Tigris • Arrived in London • Played in bath-tub • Suitcase • Toys, ping-pong balls • Active and keen about surroundings <p>Ans. Mihbil was an Otter from the Marshes of Tigris and was brought to London by The author. While in London, Mijbil played with small toys and ping-pong balls, he loved water and spent considerable time in the bath tub. He made a make-shift slide from the suitcase and loved to play on it.</p>	3
iii	<p>What was the remedy suggested by Gautam Buddha to revive the dead son of the grief stricken mother? (Sermon at Benaras)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handful of mustard seeds • House of immortals • House from no one has died <p>Ans. Kisa Gotami lost his son and was grief-stricken. She was in a complete denial about the death of her child and wanted to 'get him cured' at any cost. People suggested her to go to Gautam Buddha. He asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from the house of immortals where no one has ever lost any family member. \</p> <p>Kisa Gotami was unable to find such house and understood the cardinal truth that- Death is common to all.</p>	3

iv	<p>What made the woman at the control room looked at the narrator strangely? (The Black Aeroplane)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrator wanted to thank the pilot • Operator looked strangely • His plane was the only one flying in deadly storm <p>Ans. Narrator recalls his paranormal experience where he was saved by a 'mysterious pilot'. When he landed on safely on the aerodrome. He wanted to thank his savior and he went to operator to find the other plane which escorted him safely. The operator was startled by the queer questions and answered that it was the narrator's plane which was visible on the radar.</p>	3
v	<p>Give a brief pen-portrait of Lomov. (The Proposal)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wealthy land-lord • Prone to multiple sicknesses • Adamant • Beating around the bush • Lame character <p>Ans. Lomov is the wealthy land-lord who aspires to sought the hand of Nataliya for marriage. He is 35 years old and thinks that he suffers from multiple sicknesses like breaking into sweats, anxiety disorders and sleep disorders. He appears to be a secondary character as compared to Natalya and is quite adamant about his claims over his rights on Oxen meadows and superiority of his canines.</p>	`
`	Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	2X3=6
I	<p>Why changes came into the life of Loisels after borrowing money? (The Necklace)</p>	3

	<p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took huge loans to repay • Shifted into tiny house • Saved very penny • Charm of Matilda washed away • Husband worked overtime and also took secondary job • Matilda did every house chores <p>Ans. Matilda lost the necklace and bought the exact replica by taking huge loans. Her life became miserable and she lost her charm. In order to save and repay she did all the house-chores. Her husband too worked overtime and took up a secondary job. They lived a menial life for 10 years to repay the loan.</p>	
li	<p>Griffin became a law-less person? What did he do to earn such a name? (Footprints Without Feet)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent scientist but turned lawless • Put fire on his land-lord's house • Broke into departmental store • Robbed the theatre owner and attacked him. <p>Ans. Griffin was the gifted scientist but was the slave of his anger, misanthropy and impulsivity. He arson the house of his landlord when he tried to eject him. He broke into the big departmental store and also attacked a theatre company owner to supply himself him false facial features and other accessories, he battered him and robbed his money. He was getting meaner and meaner day by day.</p>	3
iii	<p>The Martians misunderstood the books and gave wrong interpretations of it. List three examples. (The Book That Saved The Earth)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-2 Accuracy-1</p>	3

	<p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martian invasion • Think tank misinterpreted • Hats • Sandwich • Device for communication (aural-oral) <p>Ans. The great and the mighty think tank was the self-proclaimed genius who wanted to invade the Earth and abolish the 'Ugly Earthlings'. When his team landed in a library he perceived books to be some sort of hats, edible item like sandwich and some sort of Aural communication. He was absolutely wrong in his interpretations was later corrected by Noodle.</p>	
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10	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions, in about 100-120 words.	1X6=6
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A	<p>Dalai Lama has said</p> <p>“Choose to be optimistic, it feels better”</p> <p>The poems The dust of Snow and Fog both shed light on apprehensive and anxious nature of the man. Describe some reasons for anxiety and suggest some ways to curb these pessimistic thoughts to live a happy and peaceful life.</p> <p>Making Scheme Content-3 Expression-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear, anxiety depression is common to all • Part and parcel of life process • Move on with determination • Process of learning • See the bright side • Listen to others • Spend time with family • Share your mental agony with trusted people • Do not feel shame to seek help • Kiran helpline
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	<p>Ans. Dalai Lama has said the truth about life. In poems like ‘Dust of Snow’, ‘The Ball Poem’, ‘Fog’ and stories like ‘Madam rides the bus’ and ‘Sermon at Benaras’; I have learnt that Grief, Failures, Anxiety and depression are the inseparable part of our human nature and existence but we must not surrender ourselves to them. Instead we should keep our head high and fight with them. Nothing is permanent in this world and the same applies to all the negativity. If one feels negative, apprehensive and anxious about future, one must talk with his parents/ elder siblings and trusted friends. One can also seek professional help and should not be ashamed about it. Our mind is our Power-house and one should not let his power-house reigned by the negativity and anxiety. So many sources are available where free counseling is given to the people in need. One can call the Kiran Help Line Number. Spending time with family and is a good way to get rid of negativity.</p> <p>In a nut shell, I would like to say that its human and completely ok to feel negative at times but it is not ok to give up to the circumstances. Believe in your-self and slowly and gradually you will become a better person.</p> <p>(Reference – The Dust of Snow and Fog)</p>
B	<p>Read the following quote by William Makepeace Thackeray</p> <p>“Bravery and courage are never out of Fashion”</p> <p>In Madam rides the bus, “Never Mind” she said, “I can get on by myself.” “You don’t have to help me,” said the Valli to the conductor she shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone.</p> <p>In Long Walk to Freedom, Nelson Mandela was the hero of South Africa’s freedom movement. He also shows extraordinary courage like Valli.</p> <p>Evaluate the above to understand the notion of courage in the two personalities.</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-3 Expression-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong and determined • Never waited for chances rather created the chances • Calm and composed • Meticulous planner • Visionary and believer • Sacrificed their comforts. <p>Ans. Nelson Mandela was famously known as ‘Gandhi of South Africa’ who spent nearly three decades in prison fighting for abolishment of Apartheid and</p>

	<p>brought equality and un-biased government in South-Africa. On the other hand Valli was an eight year old girl who took a tremendous leap to fulfill her wish to travel in a bus. She was small but possessed great qualities like confidence, meticulous planning and to put a self-restraint on herself till she achieved her dream. She painstakingly collected the 60 Paise to undergo the bus-travel.</p> <p>Valli and Mandela are both epitome OF Visionaries who sacrificed their comforts to achieve their feat. They might have manifold differences of class, race and creed but they pose as an extraordinary courage holders and possessor of confidence and observation skills where Mandela observed about the burning issues Apartheid and injustice in his society and took mammoth steps to change the course of history of his nation and Valli a mere girl of Eight who observed the bus and fed the tiny wish into the passion and planned and executed it without getting caught by her mother. They both learnt about life and to be self reliant and not to beg mercy of anyone and do what is right. (Madam rides the bus and A Long Walk to Freedom)</p>
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11	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6

A	<p>TED is a non-profit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short powerful talks often called “TED Talks” Bholi was praised for showing extraordinary strength, showing immense courage against societal norms and evils and emerged as a warrior and subsequently was invited for TED Talks. As Bholi deliver a short speech on “What Made me Strong” in around 100-120 words (Bholi)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-3 Expression-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discriminated and neglected • Education is the weapon • Rights as a human • Fight against social evils • Gratitude towards teacher <p>Ans. Dear Brothers and Sisters,</p>
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	<p>I am touched as I got a chance to express myself on such a reputed and big platform. I am Bholi but I was born as Sulekha which means Possessor of Happy/ Auspicious Destiny but my life absolutely opposite of my name I was dark skinned to I was ignored by my family members. I fell from a cot and might have injured the healthy wiring of my brains. To add salt to the sores I developed Black-pox and its marks were all over my body and face. I was living a life worse than a cattle of my house. I was ignored and cornered but one day I was taken to the school and new vistas were opened for me. Through the able mentorship of my teacher I became educated. My family wanted to get rid of me and so they decided to marry me off to a wealthy lame widower. I also affirmed for marriage for the sake of my parent's happiness, on the day of my wedding my groom demanded five thousand rupees from my family and I was feeling ashamed. I could not control myself when my father put his turban on my grooms' feet. I was furious. I revolted against the marriage and cancelled it. I was centre of scrutiny as in India girls are considered inferior and never ever in their dream they have the courage to cancel their marriage. I did what was right and I am proud of that. Education is the biggest weapon to shape and save the humanity.</p> <p>Through Education I got my name, respect and destiny. I have become Sulekha again. I am empowered by education and goodwill towards all.</p> <p>Thank You</p>
B	<p>Read the following quote by Novelist J.M. Barrie "All the world is made of faith, and trust and pixie dust" Hari Singh denounced his old ways and made up his mind to leave his shady past behind and start afresh and to adore Education as the building block of his newer self and gradually he became an IAS Officer As a mentor and guide of Hari- Singh, Anil decided to write a letter to Hari Singh to honour his honesty and efforts to become a better person.</p> <p>Write a letter as Anil in around 100-120 words (A Thief's Story)</p> <p>Marking Scheme Content-3 Expression-2 Accuracy-1</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn of character • Thief into an administrator • Life gave a second chance • Listened to his conscience • Followed the correct path <p>Ans. Dear Hari Singh,</p>

I hope you are hail and happy and I wish to congratulate you for becoming an IAS officer. Youngster like you are much needed to steer our country. I am feeling nostalgic and my memories are running to and fro, I am still feeling it as it was a matter of yesterday that I met you during the wrestling match and you followed me to become my cook. I can still feel the vapid and flavorless food you made. I am thankful to the almighty that I became your mentor, friend and companion. You were a good learner with a sharp mind. I will still keep our secret which ignited you to become a better human. You left your old ways and mended all the negativity. You listened the knock of your conscience and followed the righteous path to become the person you are today.

Heartiest congratulations for your remarkable success and may you always do the service to the nation and humanity.

Hope to see you soon.

Yours
Anil