

Section – A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow:

Full thirty days after Ramzan comes Id. It is a glorious morning. Trees look greener, the fields more luxuriant, the sky more colourful. Look at this morning's Sun. How lovely, fresh-looking! As if they all were congratulating the world on this day of Id. The village is full of excitement. People are getting ready to go to the Idgah. One man needs a button on his Kurta; he rushes to the neighbour, for a needle and thread. Another finds that the leather of his shoes has hardened; he runs to the grocer for some oil. There is a rush to feed the cattle; it will be late getting back from the Idgah. A walk of three miles, greeting hundreds of people; it would be impossible to return before noon! The boys are the happiest.

But the happiest of the lot is Hamid. This boy is four or five years old, thin and lean. His father had died of cholera the previous year and his mother also died soon after that. Hamid now lives with his old grandmother, Amina and is just happy as ever. He thinks his father has gone away to earn some money; that he would come back with a bag full of it. That his mother has gone to heaven to bring beautiful presents for him. That is why he is so happy. Hope is a wonderful thing and that too, a child's! Hamid has no shoes on his feet and his cap is soiled and tattered; its gold thread has turned black. Nevertheless, he is happy. Poor Amina sits in her hovel and cries. Today is Id and she has no food, much less sweets, to offer.

Hamid enters the hut and tells his grandmother, "You must not worry, Amma. I'll come back before anyone else. Don't be afraid for me." Amina feels a tightening around her heart. Other children in the village are all going with their father. The only person Hamid has is Amina. How can she send him alone to the crowded fair? If he gets lost, who will help him?

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences in the given spaces: 1×5=5

(i) After Ramzan comes Id in _____.

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| (a) full thirty days | (b) full sixty days |
| (c) full ninety days | (d) full seventy five days |

(ii) It is a glorious morning, when _____.

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| (a) the trees look greener and the sky more colourful |
| (b) ponds look full |
| (c) seas look wavy |
| (d) houses look newer |

(iii) People are getting ready to go to the _____.

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| (a) playground | (b) war-field |
| (c) Idgah | (d) office |

(iv) Hamid's father died of _____.

(a) pneumonia

(b) cholera

(c) malaria

(d) corona virus

(v) The only person Hamid has is _____.

(a) Ruksana

(b) Amina

(c) Renuka

(d) Ateha

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text:

1×3=3

(a) Hamid is happy as his mother _____.

(b) Amina feels a _____.

(c) Hamid thinks that his father has gone away _____

_____.

C. Answer the following questions:

2×2=4

(i) How is the day of Id shining?

Ans:

(ii) Why is Hamid the happiest among all others on the auspicious day of Id?

Ans:

2. Read the extract of the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Well-let me dive into the depths of time.
And bring from out the ages that have rolled
A few small fragments of those wrecks sublime,
Which human eye may never more behold:
And let the guerdon of my labour be
My fallen country! One kind wish from thee!

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1×4=4

(i) The poet wants to dive into _____.

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| (a) the water | (b) the sea |
| (c) the depths of time | (d) the ocean of sorrow |

(ii) He wants to bring from the ages that have rolled _____.

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| (a) a few small fragments of those wrecks sublime |
| (b) the lotus |
| (c) the woman who died |
| (d) the remains of shipwreck |

(iii) He wants to bring something which _____.

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| (a) human eye may never more behold | (b) people may remember forever |
| (c) are forbidden by society | (d) have gone extinct long ago |

(iv) He has for his fallen country _____.

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| (a) kind wish | (b) cruel wish |
| (c) money | (d) peace |

- B. Answer the following questions:

2×2=4

(a) What does the poet seek from his country as a reward of his labour?

Ans:

- (ii) What does the poet want to bring from the depths of time?

Ans:

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Maharashtra and Gujarat, reported a case each of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 on Saturday, one a 33-year old man from Mumbai's Dombivili who had travelled to South Africa last month and other a 72-year old Zimbabwe resident visiting his native Jamnagar. This takes India's tally of confirmed Omicron cases so far to four.

Both patients are in stable condition, health officials in Mumbai and Ahmedabad said. Two people had accompanied the septuagenarian to Jamnagar by road after he had landed at Ahmedabad airport on November 28 have since tested negative. They are in isolation and under observation.

The Dombivili resident, a merchant navy engineer, had travelled to Mumbai from Cape Town via Delhi on November 24. Health officials said he was not vaccinated but did not have any symptoms. Sixty of the patient's primary and secondary contacts, including 25 co-passengers on the Delhi-Mumbai flight, have been traced and found negative for Covid, state surveillance officer Dr. Pradip Awate said, BMC additional commissioner Suresh Kakani said one more person with a possible Omicron infection was quarantined during the day.

- A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1×6=6

- (i) Dombivili is a city located near _____.

(a) Mumbai

(b) Jamnagar

(c) Ahmedabad

(d) Delhi

- (ii) The man from Mumbai had travelled to _____.

(a) Zimbabwe

(b) Gujarat

(c) South Africa

(d) Delhi

(iii) The septuagenarian infected with the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is a resident of _____.

(a) Cape Town

(b) Zimbabwe

(c) Delhi

(d) Dombivili

(iv) The 72-year old Zimbabwe resident was accompanied on his journey to Jamnagar by _____.

(a) 4 persons

(b) 25 persons

(c) 1 person

(d) 2 persons

(v) The merchant navy engineer infected with the Omicron variant of Covid-19 was _____.

(a) fully vaccinated

(b) partially vaccinated

(c) not vaccinated at all

(d) reluctant to get vaccinated

(vi) The name of the state surveillance officer in Maharashtra is _____.

(a) Dr. Pradip Awate

(b) Suresh Kakani

(c) BMC

(d) Omicron

B. State whether the following statements are true or false. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the boxes given on the right hand side. Provide sentence(s)/phrase(s)/word(s) from the passage in support of your answer: (1+1)×3=6

(i) So far India has two confirmed cases of the Omicron variant.

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Supporting Sentence: _____

(ii) The two people accompanying the Zimbabwe resident have been tested negative.

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Supporting Sentence: _____

(iii) The merchant navy engineer came directly in contact with sixty people.

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Supporting Sentence: _____

C. Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

(i) What is the condition of the two patients infected with the Omicron variant of Covid-19?

Ans:

- (ii) Who remained asymptomatic in spite of getting infected with Omicron?

Ans:

- (iii) How many confirmed Omicron cases have been reported in India?

Ans:

- (iv) Who has been kept in isolation for observation?

Ans:

Section – B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

4. Use appropriate forms of the verb given in the brackets: 1×3=3

Teams of NDRF and other central/state agencies _____ (deployed/were deployed/had deployed) in full strength on Friday for relief and rescue operations in anticipation of Cyclone, Jawad, which is likely to _____ (hit/be hit/have been hit) north Andhra Pradesh-South Odisha coast by Saturday morning at wind speeds of up to 90-100 Kmph along with heavy rain. The cyclone is likely to _____ (made/making/make) landfall near Puri in Odisha around Sunday noon.

5. Do as directed:

- A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1×3=3

We took the first thing that came handy _____ old letter lying _____ the bookcase _____ the sitting room.

- B. (i) He apologised unconditionally. (*Rewrite the sentence, using the adjective form of 'unconditionally'*) 1

Ans:

- (ii) Take short breaks from study every fifteen minutes. (*Change the voice*) 1

Ans:

- (iii) Where was he born? Do you know the place? (*Join using noun clause*) 1

Ans:

- C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side, changing the form where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list. 1×3=3

- (i) Rioting started violently between the rival groups.

- (ii) When is the ceremony taking place?

- (iii) Let the police come and investigate the case.

[List of phrasal verbs: look into, look for, come off, break out]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in Question no. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side: 2×4=8

- (a) a person who is between 70 and 79 years old

- (b) isolated to prevent the spread of a disease

- (c) vigilance

- (d) an original or indigenous inhabitant

Turn Over

Section – C

WRITING

7. Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on Boimela (Book fair) in your neighbourhood. 10
[Points: duration of the fair – stalls – people gathered – business – culture.]

Ans:

8. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her the need for vaccination against Covid-19. 10
[Points: Covid-19 – the devastation caused – vaccine – welcome relief – benefits]

Ans:

- 9.** Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) about “the importance of yoga” with the help of the following points: 10

[Points: mental and physical fitness – kind of superior meditation – reduces the necessity of medicines – helps to develop internal strength and patience – gaining popularity worldwide.]

Ans: