

Section–A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The villagers start for the fair. Hamid is walking along with other children. Sometimes they run ahead of the others, then wait under a tree and wait impatiently for the others. Why are they walking so slowly? Hamid feels he would never get tired! Soon they reach the suburbs of the town. On both sides of the road, there are mansions of the rich, protected all around by thick walls.

Now the buildings are getting bigger—the court house, the college, the club house. How many boys study in such a large college? But not all of them are boys. There are older men too, with big moustaches. So old and still going to college. No one knows how long they will study and what they will do with all this knowledge.

Suddenly they could see the Idgah, with massive tamarind trees casting their shade on the cemented floor, which is covered with sheets. And there are rows upon rows of worshippers as far as the eye can see; spilling well beyond the mosque courtyard. It does not matter if one is rich or poor because in the eyes of Islam all men are equal. A hundred thousand heads bowing together in prayer!

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

1×6=6

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| (i) The villagers start for the | |
| (a) cinema show | (b) fair |
| (c) yatra | (d) track and field event |
| (ii) The rich people stay at the | |
| (a) mansions | (b) hut |
| (c) roads | (d) office buildings |
| (iii) The trees mentioned in the passage are | |
| (a) china rose | (b) jasmine |
| (c) tamarind | (d) rose |
| (iv) The worshippers in the Idgah were seen | |
| (a) in standing postures | (b) rows upon rows |
| (c) lying down | (d) in sitting postures |
| (v) To Islam, all men are | |
| (a) unequal | (b) equal |
| (c) pessimistic | (d) optimistic |
| (vi) The mansions were protected by | |
| (a) thin walls | (b) straight walls |
| (c) thick walls | (d) flowers |

- B. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer. 2×3=6

- (i) Hamid accompanied other children in the way to the fair.

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Supporting statement:

- (ii) The worshippers were seen gathering in the Idgah.

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Supporting statement:

- (iii) Boys to older men, all studied in the college.

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Supporting statement:

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

1×4=4

- (i) The Idgah was decorated with

Ans:

- (ii) To Hamid, the students of the college were ranging from

Ans:

- (iii) The villagers start to go to the

Ans:

- (iv) Both the sides of the road were full of

Ans:

D. Answer the following questions:

2×2=4

- (i) How can we see, at the Idgah, that in the eyes of Islam all men are equal?

Ans:

- (ii) How does the narrator describe the students of the college?

Ans:

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Kolkata: A ringing cellphone inside an app-cab abandoned in Bhangor's Krishnamati led to a shocking discovery on Saturday. Locals who investigated found the seats and steering wheel stained with blood. The car had been found in some bushes in the early hours of the day.

The driver, Bablu Singh, was reportedly beaten up by four passengers and dropped off at New Town, after which the group fled with the car.

Locals alerted Kashipur Police when they found the car. The police dialled an oft-called number on the phone and the woman who answered said her husband Bablu Singh owned the cab.

An officer said, "We learnt that four youths had hired the cab on Friday evening. The driver was beaten up and left at New Town, and the youths drove off in the car. An injured Singh lodged a complaint at New Town Police Station and returned home to Sovabazar. The car developed problems at Bhangor, where the group abandoned it."

- A. Tick (✓) the correct alternative:

1×6=6

- (i) The cellphone found in the abandoned app-cab was found

(a) silent

(b) out of door

(c) ringing

(d) broken

- (ii) Saturday, Locals found blood on the

(a) seats and steering wheel.

(b) seats only.

(c) steering wheel only.

(d) on the floor of the car.

- (iii) The cab was abandoned at

(a) Bhangor's Krishnamati

(b) Nadia's Krishnapur

(c) Howrah's Mangalahat

(d) Sakherbazar, Behala

- (iv) The driver was

(a) Bablu Singh

(b) Bablu Mehta

(c) Bapu Singh

(d) Bablu Mondal

- (v) The woman who answered the phone, as police called, was

(a) Bablu Singh's wife

(b) Bablu's sister

(c) Bablu's mother

(d) Bablu's friend

(vi) The driver was beaten up and left at

(a) New Town

(b) Garfa

(c) Park Circus

(d) Mayo-Roya

B. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right hand side. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer. Also, pick out suitable line in support of your answer: (1+1)×3=6

(i) A ringing cellphone was found in an abandoned jeep.

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Supporting sentence:

(ii) The shocking discovery was made by the Locals on Sunday.

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Supporting sentence:

(iii) The Locals alerted Kashipur Police Station about the incident.

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Supporting sentence:

C. Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

(i) Why was the driver beaten up by the youths who hired the cab?

Ans:

(ii) Where was the cab found abandoned and by whom?

Ans:

(iii) What did the injured driver do at last?

Ans:

(iv) Choose an appropriate title for the passage.

Ans:

Section-B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

3. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: 1×3=3

Several men _____ (were killed/killed/was killed) when the bus went turtle
_____ (while/after/along) a collision with a four wheeler. The driver of the
four wheeler _____ (had been arrested/has been arrested/is arrested).

4. Do as directed: 9

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

_____ letter had not reached her _____
time, hence he could not appear _____ interview.

B. (i) I had cleaned the table for her to write the poem. (Change the Voice.) 1

Ans:

(ii) Ruben is the most attentive student in the class. (Rewrite the sentence using 'no other'.) 1

Ans:

(iii) He said to me, "May God bless you!". (Change the mode of narration.) 1

Ans:

- C. Choose the 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) He suddenly met his old friend, while walking in the morning.

- (ii) I stood at the centre of the road and was trying to understand where exactly could the road lead on to.

- (iii) Her application was rejected.

[**List:** ran into, figure out, turn down, fell through]

5. Given are the meanings of four words which you will find in question no. 2. Find out the words.

2×4=8

- (i) displaying marks of blood

Ans:

- (ii) to inquire into something very deeply and meticulously

Ans:

- (iii) a disturbing find

Ans:

- (iv) to write and submit a note in protest of something

Ans:

Section–C**WRITING SKILL**

6. Use the following flow-chart to write a paragraph (within 100 words) on how a student's programme is organised: 10

[students assemble for singing, dancing and reciting poems—regular rehearsals begin under the guidance of teachers—a dress rehearsal is arranged—final rehearsal—the day of function—perform brilliantly—applause by all]

Ans:

7. Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story: 10

[Hints: A little boy asks for a bread at the store—the seller demands money—cannot pay as he has no money—the shopkeeper grumbles and complains to the owner—the latter beats him in turn—the boy dies—local issue by the politicians—people vote for them who stand beside the poor mother of the boy]

Ans:

8. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper (within 100 words) about the problems faced by the common people due to mindless littering and piling of garbage on the road and spitting here and there, polluting the environment. You may use the following points: 10

[Points: Indiscriminate spitting on the road—heaping the garbage on the corner of the road—environmental pollution occurs—people fall ill—remedy is the need of the hour]

Ans: