CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2024

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **34 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**

ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections.**

iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 2** are unseen passage

iv. **Section B** – questions number **3 to 6** are case based questions

v. **Section C** – questions number **7 to 14** are grammar short

vi. **Section D** – questions number **15 to 18** are grammar mcqs

vii. **Section E** – questions number **19 to 26** are short answer

viii. **Section F** – questions number **27 to 28** are paragraph

ix. **Section G** – questions number **29 to 30** are letter

x. **Section H** – questions number **31 to 34** are long answer

xi. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.

xii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the following text :

(1) Fossil fuels (oil, coal, and natural gas) are our most traditional sources for power generation. The energy that’s produced from any source other than fossil fuels is termed as alternative energy. Between the two sources, using alternative energy has a lower environmental impact.

(2) We now know that alternative energy sources are the sources we use to supplement or even replace traditional energy sources used for power generation. You could almost say the same thing about renewable energy sources. But there is one subtle difference between the two. All renewable energy sources fall under the category of alternative energy sources, but it doesn’t work the other way around.

(3) That’s because renewable energy sources are derived from naturally replenished sources or processes of Earth, such as the sun, wind, and water. We refer to these resources as renewable or sustainable since, unlike fossil fuels, this naturally occurring continual renewal makes them inexhaustible. However, alternative energy sources are exhaustible, and therefore not renewable. That’s the difference

(4) The equipment necessary to harness energy from alternative sources used to be so expensive that it wasn't practical for consumer use. However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that’s no longer the case.

(5) When it comes to energy efficiency, the leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. Behind wind comes geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy, and then solar power. Wind power serves both individuals and entire communities. It is versatile, and can be produced from small-scale windmills or wind turbines on residential properties. It can also be produced from large-scale offshore wind farms in the ocean.

(6) We generate geothermal power by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. Geothermal electricity can directly heat and cool buildings. Generated from the energy of moving water, hydroelectricity (also known as hydropower) is produced when water behind a dam causes turbine blades to move as it flows through an intake. The turbine blades then rotate a generator to produce electricity that is sent to power homes.

(7) Nuclear energy is created in the form of heat through the fission process of atoms. The initial fission process creates energy and triggers a chain reaction that repeats the process and generates more energy. In nuclear power plants, the heat that fission produces creates steam. The steam then rotates a turbine, which leads to the production of electricity.

(8) Solar power most commonly refers to the use of solar cells to create energy. On a small scale, you may see a few solar panels on a house roof used to produce energy for just that one home. On a larger scale, you may see a solar farm used as a power plant to produce electricity for its consumers. Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(1)

Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources ?

(A) Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.

(B) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.

(C) Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.

(D) Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Option (B) is correct. Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible because they are derived from naturally and continually replenished resources like the sun, wind, and water. Alternative energy sources include all renewable energy sources but may also include energy sources that are exhaustible and not renewable.

Key Points: Renewable energy sources come from naturally replenished resources-Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible-Alternative energy sources include both renewable and non-renewable sources-Alternative energy sources can be exhaustible

(2)

What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4) ? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

“However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that’s no longer the case”.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The tone of the writer is optimistic and confident. The writer highlights positive changes such as increased demand, improved technologies, and better efficiency, showing that using alternative energy has become practical and affordable now.

Key Points: Optimistic tone-Positive changes highlighted-Increased demand and experience-Improved technologies and efficiency-Practicality of alternative energy increased

(3)

Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Wind energy is the leader of the renewable energy pack because it is the most energy efficient among renewable sources. It is versatile and can be produced on both small and large scales, serving individual homes and entire communities.

Key Points: Wind energy is the most energy efficient among renewable energy sources - It is versatile and can be harnessed using small-scale windmills or large offshore wind farms - It serves both individuals and communities

(4)

What is the message conveyed by the passage ?

(A) Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.

(B) Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.

(C) There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.

(D) Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The passage conveys that there are many renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy, which can be used to supplement or replace traditional fossil fuel energy sources. These renewable sources are inexhaustible and have less environmental impact compared to fossil fuels. Hence, many renewable energy options are available to replace traditional energy sources.

Key Points: Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible-Renewable energy can supplement or replace fossil fuels-Renewable sources have lower environmental impact-Examples of renewable sources include wind, solar, geothermal-Multiple renewable sources available to replace traditional energy

(5)

State whether the following statement is True or False with reference to the given extract. Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

[1 Marks]

Answer: True. According to the passage, hydroelectricity is generated by moving water behind a dam turning turbine blades that produce electricity which is then sent to power homes. This indicates that hydroelectricity is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

Key Points: Hydroelectricity is produced by water flowing through a dam-turbine system-Hydroelectricity produces electricity that powers homes-It is a renewable energy source used in residential and commercial settings

(6)

The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms :

(a) generate and produce

(b) exhaustible and inexhaustible

(c) subtle and versatile

(d) power and energy

(e) sustainable and exhaustible

[1 Marks]

Answer: The two sets of antonyms from the given options are (b) exhaustible and inexhaustible, and (e) sustainable and exhaustible.

Key Points: Antonyms mean opposite words-The passage defines 'exhaustible' as resources that can be used up and 'inexhaustible' as resources that cannot be used up-Sustainable refers to resources that are maintained without depletion-Exhaustible means resources that can be exhausted

(7)

Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Geothermal electricity is generated by using heat from underground reservoirs of hot water and steam to heat and cool buildings. Hydroelectricity is produced by moving water behind a dam that turns turbine blades, which then generate electricity.

Key Points: Geothermal electricity uses underground heat and steam-Hydroelectricity uses flowing water to move turbine blades-Geothermal can directly heat and cool buildings-Hydroelectricity depends on water flow behind dams

(8)

Complete the sentence appropriately :

In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because

_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because the equipment necessary to harness energy from these sources was very expensive and thus not practical for consumer use.

Key Points: Equipment for alternative energy was expensive-Increased cost made it impractical for consumers-High demand and technological improvements reduced the cost later

Question 2.

Read the passage given below

(1) Mango (Mangifera indica) is Asia's most popular fruit, and it has gained popularity around the world. It has long been a component of culture and religion as a useful and tasty fruit. In addition to taste, it has many good qualities thus making it to be called as "King of Fruits". Major mango-growing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are the leading states in mango production.

(2) Mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares of area in the world. India is the largest producer of mangoes with 46.02 and 45.88 percent of the total world area and production, respectively. However, India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production indicating the huge gap in exporting of mangoes. Peru exports about 46%, Thailand 24%, Mexico 18% and Brazil 11% of their total mango production. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports. Hence, efforts are needed to evolve cheap transportation mechanism, increase the trade agreements with major importing countries and enhance the productivity.

(3) The top importing country is United States of America, however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the USA. The USA, European countries, the UK, Malaysia and Russia can be the other hotspots where India can target to export the mangoes. The critical issue for exporting to the USA is transportation cost (due to sea route distance) and limited shelf life of mango, while for Europe transportation costs as well as competition by African countries are the major hurdles. The following chart shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20:

Table :

Major Export Destination of Indian Mangoes in 2019-20

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above

S. No.	Country	Percentage
1.	U.S.A.	2
2.	Kuwait	2
3.	Saudi Arabia	3
4.	Qatar	6
5.	Bangladesh	6
6.	Oman	7
7.	U.K.	9
8.	Nepal	24
9.	United Arab Emirates	33
10.	Bahrain	2
11.	Others	6

(Adapted for academic usage.)

(1) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of Para (1) : We can say that for becoming the king of jungle, Lion has to be the strongest, bravest and the fiercest. Similarly, Mango is known as the king of fruits because _____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Similarly, Mango is known as the king of fruits because it has many good qualities, is very tasty, and holds an important place in culture and religion.

Key Points: Mango called king of fruits- many good qualities- tastes good- important component of culture and religion

(2)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of Para (2) :

The statement that, India is the largest producer of Mangoes with 45.88 percent of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an _____(fact/opinion) because it is a/an_____(subjective judgement/objective detail).

[1 Marks]

Answer: The statement is a fact because it is an objective detail.

Key Points: India produces 45.88% of total world mango production-The statement is supported by numerical data-The data represents objective information not personal views-The term 'fact' is used for verifiable information-The term 'objective detail' indicates data based on evidence

(3)

In the given sentence taken from para-2, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely antonym. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports.

(A) enigmas

(B) solutions

(C) provocations

(D) disputes

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct option is (B) solutions. The word 'challenges' means problems or difficulties, so its antonym would be 'solutions' which means answers or ways to overcome problems.

Key Points: Meaning of 'challenges'-Need for antonym of 'challenges'-'Solutions' means overcoming problems-Antonym relationship between 'challenges' and 'solutions'

(4)

Justify the following in about 40 words :

India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production.

[2 Marks]

Answer: India is the largest producer of mangoes but exports only 0.52% due to high transportation costs and limited shelf life of mangoes. Competition from countries like Peru and Thailand and lack of efficient trade agreements also limit exports.

Key Points: India largest mango producer - 46.02% world area and 45.88% production - exports only 0.52% - high transportation cost - limited shelf life - competition from Peru, Thailand, Mexico, Brazil - need for better trade agreements and transportation mechanisms

(5)

The top mango importing country is the U.S.A., however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the U.S.A. State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

[1 Marks]

Answer: One inference that can be drawn is that despite the U.S.A. being the largest importer of mangoes, India exports very little mango to the U.S.A. due to high transportation costs and limited shelf life of mangoes.

Key Points: USA is the largest mango importer-India exports only 2% mangoes to USA-due to high transportation costs and limited shelf life-India faces challenges in exporting mangoes to USA

(6)

Based on the table, which three countries were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20 ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The three countries that were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20 are Malaysia, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Key Points: Refer to the table of major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20-The countries Malaysia, Russia, and the UK showed similar import levels-Identify countries listed with equal or nearly equal export percentages

(7)

Why is India described as the largest producer of mangoes in the world ? (Answer in about 40 words.)

[2 Marks]

Answer: India is described as the largest producer of mangoes because it accounts for 46.02% of the total world area under mango cultivation and produces 45.88% of the world's mangoes, making it the leading mango-growing country globally.

Key Points: India has 46.02% of the total world area under mango cultivation - India produces 45.88% of total world mango production - India is the largest mango producer in the world

(8)

Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage ?

(A) India needs to produce more mangoes so that more can be exported.

(B) The UAE imported most mangoes from India in 2019-20.

(C) India is the largest producer of mangoes and by putting in more efforts, has the potential to be the largest exporter too.

(D) More study is needed to find ways to increase the export of mangoes from India.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage is that India is already the largest producer of mangoes and by making more efforts such as improving transportation and trade agreements, it has the potential to become the largest exporter as well. Therefore, option (C) is the correct answer.

Key Points: India is the largest producer of mangoes - India exports only a small percentage of its production - Other countries export higher percentages - Challenges include transportation and competition - Efforts needed to improve exports - India has potential to be largest exporter

Section B

Question 3.

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two

The train pulled out of the station — Pranjol buried his nose in his detective book again. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories but, at the moment he was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery. It was green, green everywhere. Rajvir had never seen so much greenery before. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea bushes. It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall, sturdy, shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. (Glimpses of India — Tea from Assam)

(1)

State any one inference about Rajvir from the given context :

“Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment he was keen on looking at the beautiful scenery.”

[1 Marks]

Answer: Rajvir is someone who usually enjoys reading detective stories, but at that particular moment, he was more interested in observing and appreciating the beautiful natural scenery around him.

Key Points: Rajvir is a fan of detective stories - currently more interested in scenery - appreciates nature and greenery - curious and observant

(2)

People who live in big cities are always fascinated by the natural beauty and abundant greenery. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.

[2 Marks]

Answer: People living in big cities rarely see so much greenery. Rajvir was fascinated by the endless green paddy fields, tea bushes, and tall shade-trees. This beautiful and vast natural scenery was a new and exciting experience for him, showing nature’s charm beyond the city.

Key Points: People from cities rarely see much greenery-Rajvir's excitement about the greenery-Description of green paddy fields and tea bushes-Natural beauty and vastness of scenery-New experience for city dwellers

(3)

State True or False :

The reason Rajvir was interested in looking at the beautiful scenery was that the detective book he was reading, was not interesting

[1 Marks]

Answer: False. Rajvir was interested in looking at the beautiful scenery not because the detective book was uninteresting, but because he was eager to see the greenery and the tea gardens, something he had never seen before.

Key Points: Rajvir was an ardent fan of detective stories-Rajvir was keener on looking at the scenery at that moment-The scenery was very beautiful and green-Rajvir wanted to see something new and different-The statement that the detective book was not interesting is incorrect

(4)

Which phrase would correctly substitute 'doll-like figures', in the given sentence from the extract ?

Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The phrase that would correctly substitute 'doll-like figures' is 'tea-pluckers' or 'workers moving busily amongst the tea bushes'.

Key Points: doll-like figures refers to tea-pluckers-workers moving busily among tea bushes-bamboo baskets on their backs-plastic aprons

Question 4.

I went back to the bazaar and sat down in the shelter of the clock tower. The clock showed midnight. I felt for the notes. They were damp from the rain.

Anil's Money. In the morning he would probably have given me two or three rupees to go to the cinema, but now I had it all.

I couldn’t cook his meals, run to the bazaar, or learn to write whole sentences any more.

I had forgotten about them in the excitement of the theft. Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees. It was a simple matter to steal- and sometimes just as simple to be caught. (The Thief’s Story)

(1)

Which of the following is NOT a reason why Hari Singh thinks he would not be able to write whole sentences ?

(A) Anil would not be there to teach him.

(B) He had robbed Anil and left.

(C) He would not go back to Anil to learn.

(D) He had no money to take admission in school.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Option (D) He had no money to take admission in school is NOT a reason. Hari Singh thought he wouldn’t be able to write whole sentences because Anil would not be there to teach him, he had robbed Anil and left, and he would not go back to Anil to learn. The story does not mention lack of money as a reason.

Key Points: Hari Singh thinks he cannot write whole sentences because Anil won't be there to teach him - He had robbed Anil and left - He would not go back to Anil to learn - Lack of money for school admission is not mentioned as a reason

(2)

Why is it fair to say that Hari Singh's tone, when he says "I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar or learn to write whole sentences any more," is filled with remorse and regret ? Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Hari Singh's tone reflects remorse and regret because he realizes that by stealing Anil's money, he has lost the opportunities Anil gave him, like learning to write and helping with chores, showing his understanding of the value of trust and honest efforts.

Key Points: Hari Singh feels sorry for stealing-Anil's money provided small earnings for daily tasks-He regrets losing chances to learn writing and help-Anil's trust was more valuable than money-Hari understands the consequences of his actions

(3)

State True or False with reference to the given extract.

The reason Hari Singh was filled with a feeling of guilt was because Anil trusted him.

[1 Marks]

Answer: True. Hari Singh felt guilty because Anil had trusted him by giving him the key to the house and allowing him to come and go freely. Hari realized that the greatest harm caused by his theft was the loss of Anil's trust, which made him feel guilty.

Key Points: Hari Singh felt guilty-Anil had trusted Hari Singh-Anil gave him house key-Hari realized theft caused loss of trust-Hari felt remorseful

(4)

What do you infer about Hari Singh from this statement ?

“Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees.”

[1 Marks]

Answer: From this statement, it can be inferred that Hari Singh understands the value of education and believes that learning to read and write properly (writing whole sentences) can help him earn much more money in the future compared to stealing money. He realizes that education is important for a better and honest livelihood.

Key Points: Hari Singh values education-Hari Singh knows literacy can bring better income-Hari Singh realizes stealing is not a good long-term solution-Hari Singh wants to improve himself through learning

Question 5.

Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two

The true Chameleon is small

A lizard sort of thing;

He hasn’t any ears at all,

And not a single wing,

If there is nothing on the tree,

‘ Tis the Chameleon you see. (How To Tell Wild Animals)

(1)

Fill in the blank with one word :

When the speaker says “If there is nothing on the tree, ‘Tis the Chameleon you see”, he refers to _____as characteristic trait of a true Chameleon.

[1 Marks]

Answer: camouflage

Key Points: The chameleon blends in with its surroundings-The phrase means the chameleon is seen because it matches the tree-Characteristic trait is camouflage which helps it hide from predators

(2)

What does the speaker mean when he says, “A lizard sort of thing” ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: When the speaker says "A lizard sort of thing," he means that the true chameleon looks like a small lizard. It resembles a lizard in its shape and appearance because it has a reptile-like body without wings or ears. The phrase helps us understand that a chameleon is a type of reptile similar to a lizard.

Key Points: The chameleon is a small reptile-The chameleon resembles a lizard in shape and appearance-It does not have wings or ears-The phrase helps identify the chameleon as a lizard-like creature

(3)

Which of the following best describes the speaker’s disposition while describing the Chameleon ?

(A) indifferent

(B) playful

(C) dismissive

(D) respectful

[1 Marks]

Answer: The speaker’s disposition while describing the Chameleon is playful. This is because the lines use simple and light-hearted expressions to describe the chameleon’s features in an engaging way, making it enjoyable for readers.

Key Points: Tone is light-hearted-Talks about the chameleon’s features in a simple and amusing way-The description is engaging and not serious or dismissive-The speaker's mood is friendly and playful

(4)

Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines. Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The poet uses simple and clear language to describe the chameleon’s features. The use of short lines and everyday words makes the description easy to understand. The phrase 'lizard sort of thing' creates a casual tone that appeals to young readers.

Key Points: Simple language-Easy to understand-Use of short lines-Casual and friendly tone-Describes chameleon’s features clearly

Question 6.

My head is full of whispers

Which tomorrow will be silent.

Listen. The glass is breaking.

The trees are stumbling forward into the night. Winds rush to meet them.

The moon is broken like a mirror,

its pieces flash now in the crown

of the tallest Oak. (The Trees)

(1) Identify the figure of speech used in the line : “The Trees are stumbling forward into the night”.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The figure of speech used in the line “The Trees are stumbling forward into the night” is personification. Here, the trees are given the human quality of 'stumbling', which means to trip or lose balance, to create a vivid image of the trees moving as if they are people.

Key Points: The line gives human qualities to trees-The use of 'stumbling' is an example of personification-Personification helps to create a vivid and imaginative picture for the reader

(2)

Explain the significance of the line : “The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest Oak.” Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The line describes the moon as shattered like a broken mirror, symbolizing the night’s dark and eerie atmosphere. The moonlight fragments reflecting on the oak tree’s crown create a vivid image, highlighting nature’s mysterious and fragile beauty during the storm.

Key Points: Moon compared to a broken mirror-symbolizing fragmentation-fragments of moonlight flash on oak tree- creates a vivid, eerie image- highlights nature’s fragile beauty during storm.

(3)

Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. In the third line, the word ‘Listen’ is used to .

(A) serve no purpose but to complete the sentence.

(B) emphasize listening carefully to the sound of glass breaking.

(C) emphasize listening carefully as a change is about to take place.

(D) make the reader more attentive.

[1 Marks]

Answer: In the third line, the word ‘Listen’ is used to emphasize listening carefully as a change is about to take place.

Key Points: Listen is a command that draws attention-It prepares the reader for significant action or event-It emphasizes careful listening before the glass breaking sound-It indicates an important change in the poem's atmosphere

(4)

What does the line : “My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent” tell us about the poet’s state of mind ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The line "My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent" indicates that the poet's mind is currently filled with many thoughts and subtle feelings. However, these thoughts seem transient and fading, as if they will disappear or become silent by the next day. This suggests a state of confusion, restlessness, or anticipation of change in the poet's mind.

Key Points: The poet's mind is full of subtle, quiet thoughts - These thoughts are temporary and will soon become silent - Indicates restlessness or uncertainty - Suggests anticipation of change or an internal struggle

Section C

Question 7.

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter :

Therefore, I request you to please consider this request of _____ (construct) a park in our society so that each and every person can benefit and we can enjoy a healthy environment amidst the concrete jungle

[1 Marks]

Answer: Therefore, I request you to please consider this request of constructing a park in our society so that each and every person can benefit and we can enjoy a healthy environment amidst the concrete jungle.

Key Points: Use the gerund form of the verb 'construct' to fit the sentence structure - 'request of constructing' is correct.- The word must convey the action of building a park.- The sentence talks about a request, so the verb form after 'request of' should be a noun form or gerund.- The gerund 'constructing' functions as a noun here and makes the sentence grammatically correct.

Question 8.

Read the given sentence from an article on Yoga. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence :

Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels. Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: The error in the sentence is the use of 'not' in the phrase 'all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels.' Since blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar are harmful to the heart and blood vessels, the sentence should state this clearly and positively. The corrected sentence is: 'Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are harmful to your heart and blood vessels.'

Key Points: Identify the error related to negation in the phrase - Understand the harmful effects of blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar - Provide the corrected sentence removing the incorrect 'not' - Explain why the correction is needed for clarity

Question 9.

Manthan and Sonalika had a conversation about Sonalika's job interview.

Report Manthan's question.

How are you preparing for the interview ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Manthan asked Sonalika how she was preparing for the interview.

Key Points: Use reported speech-Change the question into indirect speech-Use appropriate tense change-Replace the question mark with a full stop

Question 10.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a circular issued by an organization, to its stakeholders. In order to enable the stakeholders to _____ (access/assess/accent) all the applicable circulars at one place, the provisions of the circulars issued till January 6, 2024, are incorporated in this master circular.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct word to fill in the blank is "access". The sentence should read as: "In order to enable the stakeholders to access all the applicable circulars at one place, the provisions of the circulars issued till January 6, 2024, are incorporated in this master circular." The word "access" means to have the ability or right to approach or make use of something. In this context, it means stakeholders can view or refer to the circulars easily. "Assess" means to evaluate or estimate, which does not fit here, and "accent" relates to pronunciation and is unrelated to this context.

Key Points: The word 'access' means to obtain or retrieve information- 'Assess' means to evaluate and does not fit the context- 'Accent' relates to speech and is irrelevant here- The sentence intends to convey that stakeholders can obtain all circulars in one place- Therefore, 'access' is the most appropriate choice

Question 11.

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a company's orientation programme : A founder's goal, during the first phase, is to learn how to obtain feedback on low prospective and real customers are experience the product.

Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: The given sentence contains errors in sentence structure and word usage. The phrase "low prospective and real customers are experience the product" is incorrect and unclear. The correct form should be: "low prospective and real customers are experiencing the product," but even then, the sentence is awkward. A better correction would be: "A founder's goal, during the first phase, is to learn how to obtain feedback from prospective and real customers who are experiencing the product." This correction improves clarity and grammatical correctness by properly linking the parts of the sentence and using the correct verb tense "are experiencing."

Key Points: Identify sentence structure errors-Correct verb form from 'are experience' to 'are experiencing'-Replace incorrect phrase 'on low prospective' with 'from prospective'-Clarify the relationship between customers and experience-Use proper grammatical linking with 'who are experiencing the product'-Ensure sentence clarity and correctness

Question 12.

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report :

In many low and middle income countries, health coverage has improved dramatically in the last two decades, but health outcomes may not.

[1 Marks]

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	has	have
B	improved	improve
C	may	have
D	but	thus

Answer: The error in the sentence is the use of 'may not' at the end, which leaves the meaning incomplete and unclear. The sentence compares two related concepts: improvement in health coverage and health outcomes. To make the comparison clear and grammatically correct, 'may not have improved' should replace 'may not' to complete the thought. Thus, the corrected sentence is: "In many low and middle income countries, health coverage has improved dramatically in the last two decades, but health outcomes may not have improved." This correction ensures clarity and proper grammatical structure in the research report.

Key Points: Identify the incomplete phrase 'may not' as an error - Suggest completing the phrase to 'may not have improved' - Ensure clarity and completeness in the sentence

- Maintain consistency in the comparison between health coverage and health outcomes
- Improve grammatical correctness in research report writing

Question 13.

Report the dialogue between two friends, Nidhi and Neha, by completing the sentence :

Nidhi — Have you mastered the art of cooking Chinese food ?

Neha — Yes, indeed ! I have been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Nidhi asked Neha if she had mastered the art of cooking Chinese food. Neha answered in the affirmative and explained that _____-.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Nidhi asked Neha if she had mastered the art of cooking Chinese food. Neha answered in the affirmative and explained that she had been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Key Points: Use reported speech to change direct questions and answers into indirect speech- Use 'asked' to report the question- Use 'if' to report a yes/no question- Use past perfect or past continuous to show the action done in the past- Report Neha's affirmative answer and the duration she has been cooking Chinese food

Question 14.

Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a toaster's instruction manual :

Use this appliance only for its intentional use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the manufacturer.

Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: The error in the note is the phrase "intentional use". The correct phrase should be "intended use". The word "intentional" means done on purpose, while "intended" refers to the purpose or function something is designed for. Therefore, the corrected note should read: "Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the manufacturer." This correction improves the clarity and accuracy of the instruction.

Key Points: Error identified in the phrase 'intentional use'-Meaning of 'intentional' vs 'intended'-Correct phrase is 'intended use'-Explanation why 'intended use' is appropriate-Corrected sentence given

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Section D

Question 15.

Read the dialogue between Meher and her mother, regarding Meher's dance classes.

Mother : Are you enjoying your dance classes ?

Meher : Oh Yes ! I am loving it. It is so refreshing to attend them after a long day.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Meher's mother asked her _____ . In response, Meher exclaimed and said that she was loving it. She added that it was very refreshing to attend them after a long day.

[1 Marks]

(A) whether she is enjoying her dance classes

(B) whether she was enjoying her dance classes

(C) whether the dance classes were being enjoyed by her

(D) whether the dance classes are being enjoyed by her

Explanation:

The correct option is 'whether she was enjoying her dance classes' because in reported speech, the present continuous tense 'are you enjoying' changes to past continuous 'was enjoying'. The sentence is reported in the past tense, so the verb tense shifts accordingly.

Question 16.

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option : Excited about his newly earned powers, Midas started touching all kinds of things, __ each item into pure gold.

[1 Marks]

(A) turned

(B) turns

(C) turning

(D) to turning

Explanation:

The correct option is 'turning' because the sentence describes an ongoing action happening as Midas touches items, so the gerund form 'turning' correctly connects the two actions. The sentence implies that as he touched each item, he was turning it into gold.

Question 17.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the disclaimer given in a textbook : The authors of the book _____ all reasonable care to ensure that the contents of the book do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any person in any manner.

[1 Marks]

(A) have been took

(B) has taken

(C) have taken

(D) has been taking

Explanation:

The correct option is 'have taken' because the subject 'authors' is plural, so the verb should agree in plural form. Also, 'have taken' is the present perfect tense appropriate here to indicate an action that has been completed with relevance to the present. Other options like 'have been took' and 'has taken' are grammatically incorrect because 'have been took' is wrong verb form, and 'has taken' does not agree with the plural subject.

Question 18. Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option : Planting a tree is a very noble deed and _____ the earth from global warming !

[1 Marks]

(A) saves

(B) saving

(C) had saved

(D) should save

Explanation: The correct option is 'saves' because the sentence is a general statement about the positive effect of planting trees. 'Saves' fits grammatically and meaningfully as it describes a habitual or general truth that planting trees protects the earth from global warming, which aligns with the value of saving and protecting the environment emphasized in the context.

Section E

Question 19.

What idea does the Postmaster come up with ? What did he do to stick to his resolution ?(A Letter to God)

[3 Marks]

Answer: The postmaster came up with the idea to respond to the letter addressed to God. Although he found it unusual and amusing since he had never seen such an address in his career, he admired the faith of the man who wrote the letter. To stick to his resolution of preserving the writer’s faith, the postmaster wrote "To God" on the envelope, placed the letter inside, stamped it, and dropped it into the mailbox to ensure it was dispatched as if going to God himself.

Key Points: Postmaster's idea to answer the letter-Found the address 'To God' unusual and amusing-Admires the writer's faith-Wrote 'To God' on the envelope-Placed the letter inside and stamped it-Dropped the letter into the mailbox to send it

Question 20.

Briefly bring out the contrast between the young seagull’s initial attempts to fly and his first successful flight. (His First Flight)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the beginning, the young seagull was very afraid to fly. He hesitated and was scared of falling as he had never flown before. He did not want to leave the safety of his ledge and was unsure about the unknown world beyond. However, during his first successful flight, the young seagull overcame his fear and gained confidence. He stretched his wings, took a leap of faith, and started flying smoothly. His first flight was a moment of joy, freedom, and accomplishment, unlike his earlier fearful attempts.

Key Points: Young seagull's fear and hesitation during initial attempts- Fear of falling and leaving safety of ledge- Reluctance to fly initially- Gained confidence and courage before first successful flight- Leapt from ledge and flew smoothly- Experienced joy and freedom in first flight

Question 21.

Explain why Amanda wants to be an orphan. Refer to the given lines, from the text — I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet. (Amanda)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Amanda wants to be an orphan because she feels restricted and controlled by the adults around her, particularly when she is being scolded or instructed, as indicated by the voice saying, "I told you to clean your shoes, Amanda!" In her imagination, being an orphan means roaming freely on the streets without anyone to control her. The lines "The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet" reveal that Amanda desires freedom and peace, away from rules and responsibilities. She yearns for independence and a break from the constant supervision. This shows her natural childlike wish to escape constraints and enjoy the carefree life of wandering wherever she pleases.

Key Points: Amanda feels controlled and scolded by adults-Amanda imagines being an orphan as a symbol of freedom and independence-The lines suggest she associates silence and freedom with happiness-The desire shows her wish to escape restrictions and enjoy carefree life

Question 22.

Mijbil turned out to be a playful pet. Elaborate. (Mijbil the Otter)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Mijbil, the otter, displayed many playful and intelligent behaviors that made him a delightful pet. He was curious and enjoyed exploring his surroundings, often playfully escaping from rooms and running around. Mijbil was friendly and affectionate, showing that he needed love and care like other pets. His antics, such as chasing his tail and interacting with people, indicated that he was a fun-loving and intelligent animal. These traits made Mijbil a unique and entertaining companion.

Key Points: Mijbil was playful and curious-Mijbil exhibited intelligent behavior-Mijbil was friendly and affectionate-Mijbil needed love and care-Mijbil's antics showed he was fun-loving and entertaining

Question 23.

Ogden Nash uses vivid imagery in 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' to appeal to the senses. Elaborate the imagery used for the Pirate.

[3 Marks]

Answer: In 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon,' Ogden Nash uses vivid imagery to describe the Pirate, allowing readers to visualize him clearly. The Pirate is portrayed as a fearless and adventurous

character. Through descriptive words, Nash creates an image of the Pirate as daring and bold, which contrasts with the cowardly dragon, Custard. The Pirate's bravery and liveliness are emphasized through energetic language, which helps readers imagine his swift actions and fearless nature. This imagery appeals to the senses by evoking sight and sound, making the Pirate seem lively and animated in the poem.

Key Points: Vivid description of the Pirate as fearless and adventurous - Contrast of Pirate's bravery with Custard's cowardice - Use of energetic language and active verbs - Imagery appealing to the senses, especially sight and sound - Helps readers visualize the Pirate's character and actions

Question 24.

What does Mr. Herriot mean by "happy period" for himself and his partners ? Explain. (A Triumph of Surgery)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In "A Triumph of Surgery," Mr. Herriot refers to the "happy period" as the time when both he and his partners at the veterinary surgery experience relief and joy after successfully treating an animal, especially during challenging cases. This period comes when their hard work pays off, and the animal they treated is showing signs of recovery and improved health. For Mr. Herriot and his team, seeing a patient get better brings a rewarding sense of accomplishment and happiness, making them feel proud of their profession and efforts. The "happy period" is marked by a positive atmosphere in the surgery, where the success stories of their treatments motivate and uplift them. Hence, it symbolizes a phase of satisfaction and fulfillment for the veterinarians after their diligent care and persistence.

Key Points: Mr. Herriot's definition of "happy period"-Time of relief and joy after successful treatment-Hard work pays off with animal's recovery-Sense of accomplishment and pride-Positive atmosphere in the veterinary surgery-Motivation and upliftment from treatment success

Question 25.

Justify how Ebright's mother played an important part in his becoming a scientist. (The Making of a Scientist)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Richard Ebright's mother played a crucial role in nurturing his scientific curiosity and passion. She encouraged him by providing support and fostering an environment where he could explore his interests freely. A significant turning point in Ebright's life was when his mother gave him a book that sparked his deep interest in science. This gift motivated him to pursue his scientific

explorations seriously. Her encouragement helped him develop persistence and commitment, qualities necessary for a scientist. Thus, Ebright's mother was instrumental in shaping his path toward a successful scientific career.

Key Points: Mother's encouragement-Inspired by gifted book-Supportive environment-Helped develop persistence-Nurtured curiosity

Question 26.

A well known book of nursery rhymes saved the world from a Martian invasion. Comment with reference to "The Book that Saved the Earth'.

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the play "The Book that Saved the Earth", a famous book of nursery rhymes called Mother Goose plays a crucial role in stopping an impending Martian invasion in 2040. The Martians misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes as threatening messages. This misunderstanding almost leads to conflict. However, the knowledge contained in the book helps humans communicate with the Martians and clarify the confusion. The play highlights the power of literature and communication to resolve misunderstandings and promote peace. It also shows that even simple things like nursery rhymes can have profound effects.

Key Points: Mother Goose is a book of nursery rhymes- Martians misinterpret nursery rhymes as threats- Almost leads to Martian invasion- Book helps humans explain and resolve misunderstanding- Highlights the importance of communication- Literature can prevent conflict and promote peace

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Section F

Question 27.

An area is believed to be water stressed when annual water supplies drop below 1700 cubic metres per person per year. As per an analysis, we are already surviving with around 1700-1800 cubic metres per year. As our demand for water has increased drastically over the years, per capita water availability has taken a beating. Based on the given table, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the possible causes of water scarcity in the future. Table on water availability

[5 Marks]

Year	Population (Million)	Per capita water availability (m^3/year)
1951	361	5177
1955	395	4732
1991	846	2209
2001	1027	1820
2025	1394	1341
2050	1640	1140

Answer: Water scarcity is a growing concern as per capita water availability is nearing the critical level of 1700 cubic metres per person per year. This is mainly due to the increasing demand caused by population growth, urbanization, and agricultural needs. Additionally, factors such as pollution, deforestation, and inefficient water management contribute to the depletion of water resources. Climate change also affects rainfall patterns, leading to irregular supply and droughts. If this trend continues, many regions will experience severe water stress in the future, endangering ecosystems and human life. Hence, understanding these causes is essential to promote sustainable water use and conservation efforts to secure water for future generations.

Key Points: Definition of water stress (below 1700 cubic metres per capita)-Current water availability near critical level (1700-1800 cubic metres)-Increasing demand due to population growth and urbanization-Pollution and deforestation affecting water quality and quantity-Impact of climate change on water resources-Inefficient water use and management leading to wastage-Possible future scenario of severe water scarcity if measures not taken

Question 28.

There are many types of bottles available in the market. This chart compares the disadvantages and advantages of various types of bottles. Based on the chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the pros and cons of each and selecting a suitable one.

[5 Marks]

	Chemical Free ?	Environmentally Friendly ?	Recyclable ?	Durable ?	Lightweight ?	Easy to clean ?	Dishwasher safe ?	Affordable ?
Glass Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Silicone Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	Yes	Yes	No
Stainless Steel Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Plastic Bottles	No	No	Yes	–	Yes	–	–	Yes

(Adapted for academic purpose.)

Answer: Various types of bottles, such as plastic, glass, and metal, have their own advantages and disadvantages. Plastic bottles are lightweight and inexpensive but can be harmful to health and the environment due to chemical leaching and pollution. Glass bottles are healthier and eco-friendly since they do not release harmful chemicals and are recyclable; however, they are heavier and breakable. Metal bottles, usually made of stainless steel, are durable, reusable, and safe for health, but they might be costlier. Considering health, environmental impact, and durability, metal bottles are the most suitable option. They provide long-term benefits with minimal health risks and contribute less waste, making them ideal for daily use.

Key Points: Mention types of bottles: plastic, glass, metal- Discuss advantages of each: plastic is cheap and light; glass is eco-friendly and healthy; metal is durable and safe- Discuss disadvantages: plastic pollutes and may harm health; glass is fragile and heavy; metal is expensive- Conclude by choosing metal bottles for best health, durability, and environmental benefits

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Section G

Question 29.

As Nalini Sharda of 409, Surya Apartments, Gopalpur, you believe that pedestrian safety is very important. Footpaths on both sides of the main roads of your city need major repairs and on some stretches they need to be constructed.

Write a letter to the MLA of your city area, in about 120 words, stressing the need for footpaths for pedestrian safety. Share your concern for maintenance of existing footpaths and the need to construct new ones where they are required.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

409, Surya Apartments,
Gopalpur,
Date: 15 June 2024

To,
The MLA,
Gopalpur Constituency,
City.

Subject: Request for repair and construction of footpaths in the city.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, Nalini Sharda, a resident of Gopalpur, would like to bring to your attention the urgent need for footpath repairs and construction on the main roads of our city. The existing footpaths are badly damaged and unsafe for pedestrians, which puts them at risk of accidents.

Safe and well-maintained footpaths are essential for pedestrian safety, especially for children, elderly citizens, and people with disabilities. I request you to take immediate measures to repair the damaged footpaths and construct new ones where missing. This will promote a safer and more pedestrian-friendly city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nalini Sharda

> **Key Points: Mention the importance of pedestrian safety- State that existing footpaths need urgent repairs- Highlight areas where footpaths are missing and need construction- Emphasize safety for children, elderly, and disabled pedestrians- Request immediate action from the MLA- Express hope for a safer city environment**

Question 30.

As Sohail Khan, the sports captain of Pinnacle Public School, you believe that fitness as a lifestyle should be promoted. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, suggesting the introduction of “Cycle to School” campaign for school going students. The programme aims to develop the habit of exercising through cycling to maintain fitness and keeping children active. Share the importance and credibility of such a programme and suggest a feasible way to execute it along with possible activities.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

To
The Editor,
National Daily Newspaper,
New Delhi.

Subject: Suggestion to introduce “Cycle to School” campaign for students

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, Sohail Khan, sports captain of Pinnacle Public School, wish to propose the introduction of a “Cycle to School” campaign to encourage students towards a healthy lifestyle. Cycling regularly helps maintain fitness, keeps children active, and reduces pollution caused by vehicles. Such a programme will instill discipline and physical exercise as part of daily routine, benefiting mental and physical health.

To implement this, schools can organize weekly cycling days, provide safe cycling routes, and hold cycling competitions to motivate participation. Awareness about road safety and cycling benefits should also be promoted.

This campaign will help foster fitness, endurance and environmental awareness among students. I hope your esteemed newspaper will support this initiative by publishing it for wider reach.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Sohail Khan
Sports Captain
Pinnacle Public School

Key Points: Introduction of 'Cycle to School' campaign-Promotion of fitness and active lifestyle-Reduction in pollution and health benefits-Suggestions to implement weekly cycling days and competitions-Importance of road safety awareness-Role of the campaign in fostering discipline and environmental consciousness

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Section H

Question 31.

A desire is more personal whereas a vision has broader connotations. You have been asked to present an analysis of Valli's desire and Mandela's vision and how they are respectively fulfilled. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words, comparing the approaches of both Valli and Mandela.

You may begin like this:

One acknowledges that both, Valli and Mandela _____however,

(Reference — Nelson Mandela — A Long Walk to Freedom & Madam Rides a Bus)

[6 Marks]

Answer: One acknowledges that both, Valli and Mandela, were driven by strong motivations, however, their desires and visions differed in scope and impact. Valli's desire was personal and immediate—she wanted to experience the freedom of riding a bus alone for the first time, defying societal norms and restrictions. Her determination fulfilled her personal wish and symbolized breaking small barriers in daily life. Mandela's vision, on the other hand, was broader and focused on freedom and equality for all South Africans. His vision of ending racial oppression required immense sacrifice and long-term commitment. While Valli's desire was a step towards personal empowerment, Mandela's vision aimed at transforming society. Both illustrate how individual determination, whether personal or collective, leads to significant change.

> **Key Points: Valli's desire was personal and focused on experiencing freedom in her daily life-Mandela had a broad vision of freedom and equality for all South Africans-Valli's desire was fulfilled by her courage to ride the bus alone-Mandela's vision was fulfilled after years of struggle and sacrifice-Valli's approach was immediate and individual; Mandela's was long-term and collective-Both show how overcoming oppression builds great character**

Question 32.

You have been chosen to address the student gathering from the nearby schools, to speak on "How to Deal with Loss — Personal or Material". Prepare the speech draft in not more than 120 words, with reference to the commonality of themes in John Berryman's "The Ball Poem" and "A Sermon at Benaras". You may begin this way:

Good Morning everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how we can learn to deal with loss.

You may end in this way —

To conclude, I'd like to say that —

Thank you.

[6 Marks]

Answer:

Good Morning everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how we can learn to deal with loss. Both John Berryman's "The Ball Poem" and "A Sermon at

Benaras" speak about the inevitability of loss in life, whether personal or material. The young boy in the poem learns that loss is a part of growing up, and it teaches him the value of what he had. Similarly, the Buddha's sermon at Benaras teaches us that everything in life is transient, and attachment leads to suffering. To deal with loss, we must accept it, grow from it, and find strength in moving forward. To conclude, I'd like to say that loss, while painful, is also a teacher that helps us appreciate life and live meaningfully. Thank you.

Key Points: Introduction mentioning the two texts-Theme of loss as an inevitable part of life in both texts-Lesson from 'The Ball Poem' about learning from loss and growing up-Relevance of Buddha's sermon on the transient nature of life and inevitability of loss-Importance of acceptance and moving forward after loss-Conclusion emphasizing loss as a life lesson and source of strength-Polite opening and closing remarks appropriate for a speech

Question 33.

Imagine that Griffin's conscience pricks him and he decides to write a diary entry, about misusing science and endangering society, in the context of his own experience.

Write this diary entry, as Griffin, in about 120 words.

(Reference — Footprints without Feet by H.G. Wells)

[6 Marks]

Answer: Diary Entry: Today, I reflect on the path I chose—the misuse of science that has endangered society and myself. My quest for invisibility, though a remarkable scientific achievement, led me down a dark and reckless road. I neglected the moral responsibility that accompanies such power. In my lawlessness and self-interest, I caused fear, chaos, and destruction around me. The science I mastered should have been a beacon for progress, not a weapon against humanity. I now see that scientific discoveries without ethics and care can harm society profoundly. My invisibility made me lose sight of my own humanity and the consequences of my actions. Henceforth, I vow that science must be guided by conscience and used only for the good of all.

Key Points: Griffin's misuse of science-his invisibility experiment caused harm-the moral responsibility of scientists-science without ethics can endanger society-Griffin's reflection on his lawlessness-importance of conscience in scientific discovery

Question 34.

A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges, and interactions with other characters.

In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Matilda in Guy De Maupassant's The Necklace! in about 120 words.

[6 Marks]

Answer:

Matilda Loisel starts as a dissatisfied and materialistic woman who craves a luxurious life beyond her modest means. When she borrows a necklace to attend a grand party, her desire to appear affluent dominates her character. However, losing the necklace leads to a drastic transformation. To repay the debt, she and her husband endure ten years of harsh labor and poverty, which humbles her and changes her outlook on life. The experience teaches Matilda the harsh realities of life and the consequences of vanity and dishonesty. In the end, her character arc completes with a deep, painful transformation from pride to humility, illustrating the moral about the dangers of superficial desires and the value of honesty.

Key Points: Matilda's initial dissatisfaction and vanity - borrowing the necklace to appear wealthy - loss of the necklace leading to debt and hardship - ten years of toil and poverty - transformation from pride to humility - moral lesson on vanity and honesty