CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2023

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 4** are case based questions

iv. **Section B** – questions number **5 to 6** are unseen passage

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 letter

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

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.

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 : 1 “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 a curious and observant person who appreciates nature and is interested in his surroundings, as shown by his keen interest in looking at the beautiful greenery despite being a fan of detective stories.

Key Points: Rajvir is an ardent fan of detective stories-Rajvir is curious and observant-Rajvir appreciates the beauty of nature-Rajvir is interested in his surroundings

(2)

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 an ardent fan of detective stories, but at that moment, he was more interested in looking at the beautiful scenery and greenery outside, not because the detective book was uninteresting.

Key Points: Rajvir liked detective stories-Rajvir was looking at the scenery because he had never seen so much greenery before-The detective book was interesting to Pranjol, not necessarily boring to Rajvir-Rajvir's interest in scenery was due to the beautiful green view and tea bushes

(3) 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: Rajvir, who lived in the city, was very excited to see the endless green fields and tea gardens during the train journey. He had never seen so much greenery before and was captivated by the beautiful and peaceful natural scenery all around him.

Key Points: Rajvir lived in the city-Rajvir was fascinated by greenery-He had never seen so much greenery before-He was keen on observing nature-The green paddy fields and tea bushes created a magnificent view

(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 'doll-like figures' can be correctly substituted with 'groups of tea-pluckers' as described in the passage because the workers moving busily among the tea bushes are the tea-pluckers.

Key Points: The term 'doll-like figures' refers to the workers among the tea bushes - tea-pluckers-The passage mentions groups of tea-pluckers moving busily with bamboo baskets on their backs-The phrase is a metaphor for the tea-pluckers moving among the bushes

Question 2.

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 Story)

(1)

Which of the following is NOT a reason why Har 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: The correct answer is (d) He had no money to take admission in school. Har Singh does not mention lack of money for school as a reason for not being able to write whole sentences.

Key Points: Har Singh feels he cannot learn to write sentences because Anil would not be there to teach him-Har Singh had robbed Anil and left, so the learning relationship ended-Har Singh thinks 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 shows remorse and regret because he realizes that stealing money stopped him from doing simple, honest tasks like cooking meals, running errands, or learning to write. He feels sad for losing these opportunities and the trust of Anil.

Key Points: Hari Singh feels regret because theft prevented him from honest work-His tone reflects sadness for lost opportunities like cooking and learning writing-He misses the trust and simple joys he had before stealing

(3)

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, we can infer that Hari Singh understands the importance of education. He believes that learning to write properly can help him earn more money in the future than by stealing. It shows that he has some awareness about the value of skills and honest work.

Key Points: Hari Singh values education-Hari Singh believes writing skills can help him earn more-He realizes honest work is better than stealing-He is aware of a better future through learning

(4)

State True or False with reference to the extract:

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

[1 Marks]

Answer: True.

Key Points: Hari Singh felt guilty due to Anil's trust in him-Hari had been working for Anil for almost a month-Anil gave him a key and trusted him to manage the house-Hari knew Anil would feel sadness not for the money lost but for the loss of trust.

Question 3.

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 a characteristic trait of the true Chameleon.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Camouflage

Key Points: The line means the chameleon can blend so well with its surroundings that it looks like there is nothing on the tree-Camouflage is the ability to change color and blend into the environment-It is a distinctive trait of the true chameleon mentioned in the passage

(2) What does the speaker mean when he says, 'A lizard sort of thing'?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The speaker means that the chameleon looks like a lizard. It is a small reptile similar to other lizards, and it doesn't have ears or wings. By calling it 'a lizard sort of thing', the speaker is describing its general appearance to help us understand what kind of animal a chameleon is.

Key Points: Chameleon resembles a lizard-Chameleon is a small reptile-It has no ears or wings-The phrase helps describe the chameleon's appearance

(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. The poem uses a light and simple tone, describing the chameleon in a fun and imaginative way that makes the description enjoyable.

Key Points: The description is simple and light-hearted-The tone is imaginative and fun-The speaker uses playful words and a rhyme scheme-The poem gives an interesting and amusing picture of the chameleon

(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 physical features like its small size and lack of ears and wings. The use of rhyme and rhythm makes the poem easy to read and memorable for young readers.

Key Points: Simple and clear language - Description of physical features (small size, no ears or wings) - Use of rhyme and rhythm - Makes poem easy to read and remember

Question 4.

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 because trees are given the human action of stumbling.

Key Points: Figure of speech used-personification-The trees are given human qualities (stumbling)-Shows movement and transition from day to night

(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 signifies the transition from day to night. The moon appears shattered, with its fragments shining through the oak's branches, symbolizing the fading light and the coming darkness. It reflects nature’s movement and changes during dusk.

Key Points: Signifies transition from day to night-Portrays moon as broken and shining in pieces-Reflects nature’s change and fading light-Symbolizes coming darkness-Shows moonlight flickering through oak branches

(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: The word 'Listen' in the third line is used to emphasize listening carefully as a change is about to take place. It signals the reader to pay attention to the sound of the glass breaking which suggests something important is happening.

Key Points: The word 'Listen' calls for careful attention-The breaking glass indicates an important change-Emphasizes the need to be alert as something significant is occurring

(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 means that the poet's mind is full of quiet, uncertain thoughts and feelings that may fade away or be lost by the next day. It shows the poet's sense of confusion and the fleeting nature of his thoughts.

Key Points: Poet's mind is full of quiet whispers-Poet is experiencing confusion or uncertainty-Thoughts are temporary and may be lost by tomorrow-Reflects a sense of fleeting feelings and impermanence

Section B

Question 5.

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: The correct statement is (B) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible. Renewable energy comes from natural, continuously replenished sources like the sun and wind. In contrast, alternative energy sources include renewable energy and also other sources that may be exhaustible.

Key Points: Renewable energy sources come from natural processes that are constantly replenished-Alternative energy includes renewable energy but also exhaustible sources-Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible-Alternative energy sources may be exhaustible-Difference lies in renewability and exhaustibility

(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 in these lines is optimistic and positive. The writer highlights the progress and improvements in alternative energy, emphasizing that earlier challenges like high costs are now resolved due to advancements and increased demand, making it more accessible.

Key Points: Optimistic tone-Positive outlook towards alternative energy progress-Highlighting improvements in technology and efficiency-Emphasis on increased accessibility and reduced costs

(3)

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 not practical for consumer use.

Key Points: High cost of equipment-Not practical for consumer use-Expensive technology

(4)

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 are (b) exhaustible and inexhaustible, and (e) sustainable and exhaustible.

Key Points: Antonyms mean words that are opposite in meaning-The passage mentions that renewable energy sources are inexhaustible, while alternative energy sources can be exhaustible-This makes exhaustible and inexhaustible opposite in meaning-Sustainable means capable of being maintained or renewed, which is opposite to exhaustible as exhaustible resources can be used up and are not renewable

(5)

Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. This is because wind energy is the most efficient in terms of energy production and can be used on both small and large scales, such as in small windmills for individual homes or large offshore wind farms for communities.

Key Points: Wind energy is the leader of renewable energy-wind energy is highly efficient-wind energy is versatile and can be generated on small and large scales

(6)

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 the heat from underground reservoirs of hot water and steam, whereas hydroelectricity is produced by the movement of water flowing from a dam, which turns turbines to generate electricity.

Key Points: Geothermal electricity uses underground hot water and steam-Geothermal heat can directly heat and cool buildings-Hydroelectricity uses moving water behind dams to rotate turbines-Hydroelectricity depends on flow of water to generate electricity

(7)

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 message conveyed by the passage is that there are many renewable energy sources available that can be used to replace traditional fossil fuels for power generation. These renewable sources are inexhaustible and have a lower environmental impact compared to fossil fuels.

Key Points: The passage discusses renewable energy as inexhaustible and derived from natural sources-Wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and nuclear energy are examples of renewable energy sources-Renewable energy sources can supplement or replace traditional fossil fuels-They have lower environmental impacts than fossil fuels-The passage emphasizes the availability and advantages of renewable energy sources

(8)

State whether the following statement is True or False with reference to the given extract. 1 Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

[1 Marks]

Answer: True. Hydroelectricity is generated by using the energy of moving water, which produces electricity that is sent to power homes as well as commercial establishments.

Key Points: Hydroelectricity is a renewable energy source-Hydroelectricity is produced by moving water behind a dam-Hydroelectricity generates electricity for homes and possibly for commercial use-Electricity from hydroelectric sources is distributed to consumers

Question 6.

(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: Mango is known as the king of fruits because it is very popular for its taste and has many good qualities.

Key Points: Mango is Asia's most popular fruit-Mango has a significant role in culture and religion-Mango has excellent taste and many positive qualities-These qualities make mango called the king of fruits.

(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: The statement gives a specific percentage (45.88%) of world mango production by India - this is an objective detail-The statement can be verified through data/statistics - hence it is a fact-It is not based on personal feelings or judgements so it is not an opinion

(3)

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 produces nearly half of the world's mangoes but exports only 0.52% due to high transportation costs, especially to distant markets like the USA, competition from other countries, and the limited shelf life of mangoes, which restricts export volume.

Key Points: India is the largest mango producer-Exports only 0.52% of production-High transportation costs-Limited shelf life of mangoes-Competition from other mango-exporting countries

(4)

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 Kuwait, UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

Key Points: Identify the countries listed in the table with equal values- Kuwait, UAE, and Saudi Arabia had the same level of mango imports from India- Mention that these three countries were at par in mango imports during 2019-20

(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 globally, India exports only a very small portion of its mango production to the U.S.A. This could be due to high transportation costs and the limited shelf life of mangoes, making it challenging for Indian mangoes to compete in the U.S. market.

Key Points: U.S.A. is the top mango importing country-India exports only 2% of its mango exports to U.S.A.-High transportation cost is a limiting factor-Limited shelf life of mangoes affects exports to U.S.A.-India faces challenges in expanding exports despite large production

(6)

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

[2 Marks]

Answer: India is called the largest producer of mangoes because it has 46.02% of the world's mango-growing area and produces 45.88% of the total global mango production, leading all other countries in both area and output.

Key Points: India has 46.02% of total world mango-growing area-India produces 45.88% of total world mango production-India leads other countries in mango production globally

(7)

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 antonym for the word 'challenges' in the given sentence is 'solutions'. Therefore, option (B) solutions is the correct answer.

Key Points: The word 'challenges' means difficulties or problems.- Antonym is a word with the opposite meaning.- 'Solutions' means answers to problems, which is opposite of 'challenges'.- Other options like enigmas, provocations, disputes do not mean opposite of challenges.

(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 the largest producer of mangoes and by putting in more efforts, such as improving transportation and trade agreements, India has the potential to become the largest exporter of mangoes as well. Therefore, the correct option is (C).

Key Points: India is the largest producer of mangoes-India currently exports only a small percentage of its mango production-Other countries export a higher percentage of their production-There are challenges such as transportation cost and limited shelf life-Improving efforts can increase India's mango exports-Option C correctly summarizes this main idea

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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: The given word is 'construct' which is a verb - The sentence requires a gerund form (verb + ing) after 'request of' to show the action being requested - The correct form is 'constructing' - The answer needs to fit grammatically and contextually into the sentence - The sentence politely asks for the building of a park to benefit society

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 with the phrase 'all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels.' Since blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar are actually harmful to the heart and blood vessels, the sentence should be corrected to: 'Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are harmful to your heart and blood vessels.' This correction clarifies that the listed factors negatively affect heart health and that yoga can help reduce them.

Key Points: Identify the incorrect phrase referring to the health impact of blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar-Correct to state these factors are harmful, not just 'not good'-Explain that yoga helps by lowering these harmful factors-Clearly show understanding of the sentence's intended meaning

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: Identify the original question-Use indirect speech-Change the question form into a reported statement-Use correct tense and pronouns

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 complete sentence is: "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 get or obtain entry to something, which fits the context of the sentence, as stakeholders are being given the ability to reach all circulars in one place. The other options, "assess" (to evaluate) and "accent" (a way of pronouncing words), do not fit the meaning intended in this sentence.

Key Points: Identify the correct word based on meaning- Understand that 'access' means to get entry or reach something- Explain why other options ('assess' and 'accent') do not fit- Use the correct word to complete the sentence meaningfully

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]

Answer: The sentence contains grammatical and structural errors that need correction. The phrase "low prospective and real customers are experience the product" is incorrect and confusing. It should be corrected to "prospective and real customers who are experiencing the product." Therefore, the corrected sentence is: "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 clarifies the sentence and makes it grammatically correct by properly connecting the subjects and actions with correct verb forms and prepositions.

Key Points: Identify incorrect phrase 'low prospective and real customers are experience the product'-Correct verb form 'are experience' to 'who are experiencing'-Replace preposition 'on' with 'from' for 'obtain feedback from customers'-Clarify meaning by restructuring phrase to 'prospective and real customers who are experiencing the product'-Maintain overall sentence grammar and clarity

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 given sentence is the phrase 'health outcomes may not,' which is incomplete and unclear. It lacks a proper verb and object to complete the meaning. The correction would be: '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 gives clarity that while health coverage increased, the actual health results might not have seen a similar improvement.

Key Points: Identify incomplete phrase as error-Correct by completing the phrase with 'have improved'-Ensure sentence clarity and completeness-Reflect accurate comparison between health coverage and health outcomes

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: Report speech format; Use of past tense for reporting; Using phrases like 'asked if' and 'answered in the affirmative'; Conversion of direct speech to indirect speech; Inclusion of the time duration mentioned by Neha.

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 use of the word 'intentional' which is incorrect in this context. The correct word should be 'intended' to convey the proper meaning. Thus, 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.' The term 'intended' means the purpose for which something is designed or meant to be used, which is appropriate here. 'Intentional' means done on purpose, which does not fit the context of appliance usage instructions.

Key Points: Error identification - 'intentional' is incorrect-Correct word - 'intended'-Reason for correction - 'intended' means meant for a specific use, suitable in instructions-Meaning clarification for 'intentional' and 'intended'-Provide the corrected sentence

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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 the dance classes were being enjoyed by her

(C) whether she was enjoying her dance classes

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

Explanation:

In reported speech, when reporting a question asked in the present continuous tense like 'Are you enjoying your dance classes?', it is transformed into past tense and indirect question form. Therefore, 'Are you enjoying' becomes 'whether she was enjoying'. The option 'whether she was enjoying her dance classes' correctly follows the rules of reported speech.

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) turns

(B) turned

(C) turning

(D) to turning

Explanation:

The correct option is 'turning' because the phrase 'started touching all kinds of things, turning each item into pure gold' uses the present participle 'turning' to show an action that happens simultaneously with 'started touching'. This form is appropriate after the verb 'started' to describe ongoing or resulting actions.

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) has taken

(B) have been took

(C) have taken

(D) has been taking

Explanation:

The subject 'The authors' is plural, therefore the verb must agree in number and tense. 'Have taken' is the correct present perfect form for a plural subject. The other options are either grammatically incorrect or do not fit the tense required in the context of this sentence.

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) saving

(B) saves

(C) had saved

(D) should save

Explanation: The correct option is 'saves' because the sentence requires a simple present tense verb to indicate a general truth or fact. 'Planting a tree is a very noble deed and the earth saves from global warming' means that planting trees helps protect the earth from the effects of global warming, which aligns with the context about saving the environment and the Green Movement.

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: In the story "A Letter to God," the Postmaster comes up with the idea of replying to the letter addressed to God to maintain the writer's faith. Though he found it unusual and somewhat amusing, he respected the faith of the man who wrote the letter and wanted to honor it. To stick to his resolution, the postmaster wrote "To God" on the envelope, placed the letter inside, affixed a stamp, and dropped it into the mailbox. By doing so, he ensured the letter would be sent through the postal system, showing his commitment to responding to the letter as if it was truly meant for God.

> **Key Points: Postmaster decided to answer the letter-Respected the writer's faith-Wrote 'To God' on the envelope-Affixed a stamp and posted the letter-Stuck to his resolution by sending the letter properly**

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 and hesitated to leave the safety of the ledge. His initial attempts were marked by fear and reluctance because he did not have the

experience or confidence to soar in the sky. The young seagull lacked trust in his own wings and was worried about the dangers of flying. However, his first successful flight was a complete contrast. Once he overcame his fear, he took a bold leap, spread his wings confidently, and experienced the thrill of flying. He felt the wind and learned to glide smoothly in the air. The successful flight gave him a sense of freedom and accomplishment, which was absent in his earlier attempts.

> **Key Points: Young seagull was initially fearful and hesitant- Lacked confidence and experience- Afraid to leave the ledge- First successful flight showed boldness and confidence- Overcame fear to take a leap- Felt thrill and freedom of flying- Experienced wind and smooth gliding- Felt accomplished and proud**

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: In the poem “Amanda” by Robin Klein, Amanda expresses a wish to be an orphan because she sees the life of an orphan as free and independent, unlike her own. The lines "I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet" reveal that Amanda imagines an orphan's life to be one of freedom, where no one controls or instructs her. Amanda feels controlled and restricted by the constant instructions and scoldings from adults, which makes her long for the liberty that she thinks orphans have. For her, being an orphan means not having to obey rules or listen to nagging, thus enjoying peace and freedom. This shows Amanda's desire to escape the constraints imposed on her by her parents, highlighting a common feeling among children to yearn for independence.

> **Key Points: Amanda feels controlled and restricted - She imagines orphans have freedom and no one gives instructions - Orphans roam freely without rules - Amanda longs for peace and silence - She associates being an orphan with independence and sweetness of freedom**

Question 22.

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

[3 Marks]

Answer: Mijbil, the otter, showed many qualities that made him a playful and entertaining pet. He was very active and curious, often exploring his surroundings with great interest. For example, once he escaped from the bedroom, and the narrator saw his tail disappearing as he ran through the corridor. Mijbil was intelligent and friendly; he would interact happily with his owner and showed signs of fun-

loving nature by engaging in playful antics. These behaviors showed that Mijbil was not just an ordinary otter but a lively and affectionate companion who loved to be loved.

Key Points: Mijbil was active and curious-Mijbil escaped from the bedroom, showing his playful nature-Mijbil was intelligent and friendly-Mijbil engaged in playful antics-Mijbil was a lively and affectionate pet

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 and striking imagery to describe the character of the Pirate, making him larger-than-life and adventurous. The Pirate is depicted as a bold and fearless figure who 'had a wooden leg, and a sharp sword.' This imagery appeals to the readers' sense of sight and imagination, helping them visualize a typical old-fashioned pirate with distinctive features. The mention of the wooden leg suggests a rough and tough character who has faced many battles, while the sharp sword evokes a sense of danger and readiness for combat. Such vivid descriptions help to create a clear and memorable image of the Pirate in the reader's mind, emphasizing his bravery and adventurous spirit in contrast to the so-called cowardly Custard the dragon.

Key Points: Description of Pirate with wooden leg-Vivid imagery appealing to sight-Makes Pirate appear bold and adventurous-Sword as symbol of danger and bravery-Contrast with Custard's cowardice-Creates a memorable character

Question 24.

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

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the story "A Triumph of Surgery," Mr. Herriot refers to the "happy period" as the time when the pets he treats are healthy and in good condition. This period is satisfying for him and his partners because it means their hard work and care have been successful. When Tricki, the dog, recovers well after treatment, it brings joy and relief to Mr. Herriot and his colleagues, making their efforts feel rewarding. Thus, the "happy period" means a time of health and well-being for the animals, which in turn gives happiness and satisfaction to the veterinarians.

Key Points: Mr. Herriot's happy period-Refers to the pets being healthy and well-Meaning of satisfaction and success for vets-Tricki's recovery symbolizes the happy period-

Doctors feel joy and achievement when animals are well

Question 25.

Justify how Ebright's mother played an important part in his becoming a scientist.

(The Making of a Scientist)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Ebright's mother played a crucial role in nurturing his interest in science. She encouraged his curiosity from a young age and supported his scientific activities, such as collecting butterflies. Her encouragement helped him to explore and develop his passion for science alongside other interests. This strong backing gave Ebright the confidence and motivation to pursue science seriously and eventually conduct significant research at Harvard Medical School. Thus, his mother's support was a vital factor in his journey to becoming a scientist.

Key Points: Mother's encouragement of curiosity-Support for scientific activities-Helped develop passion and confidence-Provided motivation for scientific pursuit-Played a vital role in Ebright's success

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 well-known book of nursery rhymes, "Mother Goose," surprisingly saves the world from a Martian invasion. The Martians misinterpret the innocent nursery rhymes as threats or attacks against them, which causes confusion. This misunderstanding leads to comic situations that prevent the invasion from actually happening. The play highlights how literature and simple books can have a powerful impact, even in unexpected situations. It also points out how misinterpretations can lead to unnecessary conflicts, but with knowledge and communication, such conflicts can be avoided.

Key Points: Mother Goose is a book of nursery rhymes - Martians misunderstand the rhymes as threats - This misunderstanding prevents the Martian invasion - The play shows the power of books and literature - Highlights the importance of interpretation and communication

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Section F

Question 27.

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: 20 April 2024

The Honorable MLA,
Gopalpur City Area,
City Office.

Subject: Request for Repair and Construction of Footpaths in Our City

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am Nalini Sharda, a resident of Surya Apartments. I am writing to express my concern regarding the poor condition of footpaths on both sides of the main roads in our city. Many stretches have broken or uneven footpaths, making it unsafe for pedestrians, especially children and the elderly. Furthermore, some areas lack footpaths entirely, forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads and risking accidents.

For the safety of all pedestrians, I kindly urge you to prioritize the repair of existing footpaths and construct new ones where needed. Properly maintained footpaths will ensure safer and more convenient travel for pedestrians and reduce road accidents.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope to see positive action soon.

Yours sincerely,
Nalini Sharda

Key Points: Introduction with name and address-Expressing concern for pedestrian safety-Pointing out bad condition of footpaths on main roads-Highlight need for repairing existing footpaths and constructing new ones-Request to MLA for immediate action-Polite and formal tone

Question 28.

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,
New Delhi.

Subject: Introduction of “Cycle to School” Campaign to Promote Fitness Among Students

Sir,

I am Sohail Khan, Sports Captain of Pinnacle Public School. I would like to suggest the introduction of a “Cycle to School” campaign for school-going students across the country. This campaign will promote fitness as a lifestyle and encourage students to adopt cycling as a form of daily exercise to keep themselves active and healthy.

Cycling to school will not only improve physical fitness but also reduce traffic congestion and pollution around schools. To effectively execute the programme, schools can organize weekly cycling days, conduct safety workshops, and offer incentives such as certificates or rewards to participating students.

Such a campaign will instill healthy habits from a young age and contribute significantly to the overall well-being of students.

Yours faithfully,
Sohail Khan
Sports Captain
Pinnacle Public School

Key Points: Introduce the 'Cycle to School' campaign- Promote fitness and active lifestyle- Encourage cycling as daily exercise- Benefits: fitness, reduced traffic and pollution- Feasible execution: weekly cycling days, safety workshops, rewards-

Importance: instilling healthy habits in children- Credibility: suitable for promoting fitness among students

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Section G

Question 29.

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.

[5 Marks]

Table on water availability

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 becoming a critical issue as the per capita availability of water is nearing the threshold of 1700 cubic metres per person per year, which signals water stress. The main causes of this scarcity include rapid population growth, which increases the demand for drinking water, agriculture, and industrial uses. Urbanization leads to higher water consumption and pollution of water bodies, reducing usable water. Climate change and irregular rainfall patterns are affecting water sources, causing droughts and floods that disrupt water availability. Excessive groundwater extraction depletes aquifers faster than they can be replenished. Without proper water management and conservation measures, future generations may face acute water shortages, harming health, food security, and economic development. Therefore, urgent steps for water conservation and sustainable use are necessary to combat this looming crisis.

Key Points: Population growth increases water demand-Urbanization causes water pollution and higher consumption-Climate change leads to irregular rainfall and

droughts-Over-extraction of groundwater reduces water resources-Need for water conservation and sustainable management

Question 30.

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 cheap but may release harmful chemicals and are not environmentally friendly. Glass bottles are safe for health and reusable but are heavy and breakable. Metal bottles, typically made of stainless steel, are durable, safe, and eco-friendly, yet can be more expensive. Considering health, environmental impact, and durability, metal bottles are the most suitable choice despite their cost. They do not release toxins, can be reused many times, and reduce plastic waste, benefiting both personal health and the environment.

Key Points: Types of bottles - Plastic, Glass, Metal - Advantages and disadvantages of each - Plastic: lightweight, cheap, harmful chemicals - Glass: safe, reusable, heavy, fragile - Metal: durable, safe, eco-friendly, expensive - Health considerations - Environmental impact - Suitable bottle selection - Metal bottles recommended

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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, exhibit strong motivation to achieve what they desire; however, their aims differ significantly in scope and impact. Valli's desire is personal and immediate — to experience the freedom of a bus ride. Her determination leads her to boldly board the bus alone, asserting her individual wish. In contrast, Mandela's vision is expansive and societal, centered on attaining freedom and equality for all South Africans. His vision involves enduring great hardships and emphasises collective liberation over personal gain. While Valli's desire is fulfilled through direct action and personal courage, Mandela's vision required a lifelong struggle, sacrifice, and leadership. Both approaches highlight courage and persistence, yet Mandela's vision carries broader connotations with historic significance that transcends the self.

> **Key Points: Valli's desire is personal and immediate-Valli wants to ride the bus alone to enjoy freedom-Mandela's vision is broad and collective-He aims for freedom and equality for all South Africans-Valli's desire fulfilled through personal courage and direct action-Mandela's vision achieved through struggle, sacrifice and leadership-Both show courage and determination-Contrast between personal desire and societal vision**

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. In John Berryman's 'The Ball Poem', a boy learns the painful truth of losing something dear, and through this loss, he understands the importance of accepting change and the inevitability of life's ups and downs. Similarly, in 'A Sermon at Benaras', the Buddha teaches that loss and grief are universal experiences. He advises us to accept loss calmly, seeing it as a natural part of life, helping us grow emotionally and spiritually. Both these works remind us that while loss can hurt deeply, it also teaches valuable life lessons and helps us mature. To conclude, I'd like to say that accepting loss with courage and understanding is essential for moving forward in life. Thank you.

Key Points: Introduction referencing both texts - Explanation of loss in 'The Ball Poem' highlighting learning from loss - Explanation of Buddha's message in 'A Sermon at Benaras' about acceptance of loss - Common theme: Loss as a natural, inevitable experience - Loss as an opportunity to grow and mature - Ending with a positive message encouraging acceptance and courage in dealing with loss

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: Today, I reflect on the grave consequences of my actions. My pursuit of invisibility, though a remarkable scientific achievement, has led me down a dark path. By misusing science, I have endangered innocent lives and broken the social order. My reckless behavior, including setting fires and evading the law, makes me realize that knowledge without responsibility is dangerous. Science should be used to benefit humanity, not to terrorize it. I now understand that the thirst for power and recognition blinded me to the harm I caused. If only I had chosen a better path, my discovery could have been a blessing, not a curse. I vow to learn from my mistakes and hope society can forgive my transgressions.

Key Points: Griffin's scientific achievement in invisibility-Griffin's misuse of science causing harm and fear-Griffin's lawless actions like setting fires and evading law-Science must be used responsibly for good-Griffin's realization of the consequences and remorse-Hoping for forgiveness and learning from mistakes

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 Maupassants' 'The Necklace', in about 120 words.

[6 Marks]

Answer:

In Guy de Maupassant's 'The Necklace', Matilda Loisel's character arc shows a dramatic transformation influenced by her experiences after borrowing and losing a necklace. Initially, Matilda is portrayed as vain and dissatisfied with her modest life, longing for wealth and luxury. When she loses the borrowed necklace, she and her husband work tirelessly for ten years to repay the huge debt, plunging into poverty and hardship. This adversity changes Matilda from a frivolous woman concerned with appearances to a resilient and hardworking individual. After the reveal that the original necklace was fake, it underscores the irony and the harsh lessons she learned about honesty, values, and pride. Thus, Matilda's arc moves from superficiality to maturity shaped by suffering.

Key Points: Matilda's initial vanity and dissatisfaction-Matilda borrows the necklace to appear wealthy-The loss of the necklace leads to financial ruin-Matilda and her husband work hard for ten years to repay debt-Hardships transform her character from superficial to resilient-The final irony that the necklace was fake highlights the futility of her sacrifices-The story teaches values of honesty, pride and contentment