

## SECTION - A

### READING SKILLS

1. (A) According to the author, it is difficult for the teenagers to miss junk food today due to the contemporary life of teenagers.

**Explanation:** In the passage, the author clearly says that, 'Contemporary lifestyle sees an increasing consumption of junk food, and spending time watching television and playing computer games.'

- (B) False

**Explanation:** It is given in the passage that 'inactivity' is the major cause of obesity.

- (C) Likely or exposed

- (D) To be teased by friend circle

- (E) (a) heredity

- (F) (b) The medicine reduced the headache soon.

**Explanation:** The term 'alleviate' means to decrease or (b) reduce. Options (a), (c) and (d) are wrong as per the meaning of the term. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

- (G) Stress/anxiousness leads to overeating in teenagers.

- (H) (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5

**Explanation:** According to the passage, all (1), (3), (4) and (5) are the result of obesity while (2) is nowhere mentioned in the passage. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- (I) (c) *playing too much of online games*

**Explanation:** It is given in the passage that 'Inactivity is the major cause of obesity.' This means that (c) playing too much of online games which does not involve any physical activity may make a teenager get

extra fat. Options (a), (b) and (d) are not a reason for it. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(J) concerned

**Explanation:** The author says that 'Obese teens are more prone to being teased and physically bullied compared to others of their age'. So, as a concern he wants them to control weight that will also make them healthy.

2. (A) Several harmful and noxious substances contaminate the air which makes it unhealthy for breathing.

(B) (b) (1) is the reason for (2).

**Explanation:** It is clearly given in the passage that "Passive smoking" or "environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) pollution can lead to all the harmful effects of tobacco smoking seen in the smokers in their non-smoking companions." So, (1) is the reason for (2). Hence, (b) is the right answer.

(C) (a) *Passive smoking is risky for health.*

**Explanation:** This phrase is a witty version of 'Smoking is injurious to health'. By this, people means that 'smoking' is also risky for other people who inhale it. Options (b),

(c) and (d) are not right as per the phrase. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

(D) passive smoking

(E) (c) *only 2*

**Explanation:** While ETS results in diseases like (1), (3), (4) and (5) as stated in the passage, (2) chicken pox are nowhere mentioned in the passage. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(F) improving ventilation

(G) (a) *we breathe indoors more*

**Explanation:** It is given in the passage that "most of us spend over 90% of our time indoors". It is not because of (b), (c) or (d). Hence, (a) is the right answer.

(H) False

**Explanation:** The exposure of young children to ETS leads to increase in respiratory problems, not migraine problems.

(I) Feasible

(J) Cleansing agents, pesticides and paints are the three indoor pollutants having toxic chemicals.

## SECTION - B

### GRAMMAR

3. (A) (i) (b) *due to various reasons*

(ii) (a) *easy availability of fast food*

(B) (d) *could not*

(C) (b) *would*

(D) (d) *might*

(E) (a) *will be able to*

(F) **Error**                      **Correction**

(i) should                      would

(ii) shall                      would

(iii) can                      could

(i) **Explanation:** 'should' represents what is to be done while 'would' represents what was done. Hence, this is the right answer.

(ii) **Explanation:** As the person is describing the teachers past routine, 'would' will be used. Hence, this is the right answer.

(iii) **Explanation:** Since the sentence is in the past tense, this is the right answer.

(G) (b) *a little*

**Explanation:** When we describe the amount of a language spoken by a person, we use 'a little' if the person couldn't speak much. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

(H) (a) *doesn't*

(I) (c) *is*

**Explanation:** The sentence uses the phrase 'as well as'. It combines the words and present it as one. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(J) (b) *Aditi requested Riya to give her a glass of water.*

(K) (c) *He asked me if I had a paper.*

(L) (d) *a few*

**Explanation:** To determine a very little number of persons, 'a few' is used. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

## SECTION - B

### CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 123/8, Sant Nagar  
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20<sup>th</sup> March, 20XX  
The Editor  
The Hindustan Times  
New Delhi

**Subject :** Craze for social networking sites among youngsters

Respected sir/madam,

Through the columns of your prestigious newspaper, I want to highlight my concern about teenagers.

growing interest in social networking. Social media is the rage today - you are bullied if you can't keep up with it. From pings and chat windows to pokes and emoticons, everything exists to bring people closer. It helps to learn new things, exchange ideas, hone networking skills and develop new perspectives.

As dark and light, Yin and Yang, there is also a flipside to social media. Its vastness defies control on the scope of information. Such a situation can lead to children reaching dangerous or graphic websites. Cyberbullying is another growing trend. It can have dangerous and potentially fatal effects. Australia suffers from a large number of suicides caused by cyberbullying.

Similarly, spending too much time on it can often lead to social media addiction, which can affect the ability to develop strong interpersonal relationships. Teenagers are at a vulnerable age and the avalanche of information can be overwhelming. The only solution to this is vigilant parents who must ensure moderate use of social media, ensuring that it is a boon and not a bane.

Yours faithfully

Nitin / Nutin

**OR**

Fit & Fine Fitness Club  
Gandhi Road Ernakulam  
1<sup>st</sup> June 20XX  
The Manager  
Messrs Pioneer Sports Co.  
Kochi

**Subject :** Order for fitness equipments

Dear sir/madam

This is with reference to your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 20XX giving details of the available products.

We are satisfied with the prices and would like to order the following items:

S. No.	Product	Number
(1)	Go Pro Fitness treadmill	7
(2)	Kamachi Multipurpose treadmill	7
(3)	Paramount Fitness cycle	2
(4)	Precor Elliptical trainers	7
(5)	Dumbbells 25,15, 10.5 & 2.5 kg	5 pairs each

The following items should be delivered on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of June between 3-4 p.m. Please send your executive to help assemble the equipment and also check their working condition. The balance amount will be paid within a week of it being checked via transfer to your account. We hope you will adhere to the terms and conditions agreed upon and provide us with 15% discount on the total amount.

Yours truly

XYZ

(Manager Messrs Pioneer Sports Co.)

#### 5. **Rising Prices - Out of Reach**

Life of a poor man is never easy but the past few years have been even more difficult. The prices of staple food items have been rising steeply. The table shows a comparative study of prices over three years.

The rising prices mean that most of the food is beyond the common man's reach. Since the table shows wholesale prices, their market rate must be more than double. When basic necessities cost so much, how is the common man supposed to feed his family? When parents cannot feed their children, they are malnourished and their growth is adversely affected.

In a country where rice, dal and chapati are staple foods, the skyrocketing prices mean that the poor cannot afford even one square meal. There needs to be a system

where the prices are regulated and those who sell them at inflated prices should be dealt with severity.

OR

### Youth and Education to Bring Peace

The most important requirement of any society is peace and its two most important tools are youth and education. In a survey conducted recently, it has been found that deaths due to violence has increased exponentially in the last nineteen years. Where the death rate in 1995 was about 2.5, it has jumped to 14.5 in 2019, which is a major cause for concern.

Education and youth can bring the graph in control. An educated and responsible youth will create awareness amongst society about the harms of violence. They can help transform the anti-social elements by educating them. It will help people understand that crime and violence never pay.

Unemployed people get enticed by false promises and indulge in criminal activities. Once educated, they will be able to get jobs and will no longer be led astray by people who incite violence for personal gains.

## SECTION - C

### LITERATURE

6. (A) (b) *traditional and serene*

**Explanation:** Coorg is a place in the lap of mother nature so it is not mechanical. Hence (a) and (d) are opted out. Coorgi has a beautiful and serene environment, which is not dangerous as all the creatures enjoy their lives there. Hence (c) is also not the answer. Coorg homes are traditional. Hence the environment there is traditional. Therefore, (b) is the correct answer.

- (B) (c) (5) and (7)

**Explanation:** (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) are given in the passage. The author also tells that Coorg is a place full of nature's gifts. Such a place can't be destructive. So (7) is not true. (5) is also not true as given in the passage. Hence the answer here is (c).

- (C) (b) F - (1), (2), (4) and (O) - (3)

**Explanation:** From the reading of the passage we know that the Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army (1). Animals love to play in the Coorg's fresh water (2). Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality (4). All these are therefore facts. However (3) can be considered as opinion since there is no evidence of it and such an opinion can be easily formed due to the abundance of wild animals in the area. Hence the answer is (b).

- (D) (c) *calmness*

**Explanation:** 'Mischief' word most of the time is used to depict an act that creates troubles but is also humorous or funny. So (a) is not the answer. Mischief many times put someone at unease. Hence (b) is also not the answer. Mischief is naughtiness. Hence (d) is also not the answer. Here the

answer is (c). as mischief never creates calmness.

- (E) They can carry weapons without license.

**Explanation:** Anyone living in India can buy, carry and keep firearms at their house but only after getting a licence to do so. But only Coorgi can carry weapons without a licence. So (c) is the correct answer.

OR

- (A) (d) *option (4)*

**Explanation:** Image (1) shows negligence Bholi had to face due to her looks, Image (2) and (3) shows Bholi getting ready and going to school. All these show her condition and hence are not the answer. Image (4) shows a very well developed school which is not the condition of a village school. Hence (d) is the correct answer.

- (B) She was treated in a similar manner before being sold to someone.

**Explanation:** Bholi was reminded of Lakshmi because her father was dragging her towards school in the same way as he had dragged Lakshmi.

- (C) (b) *Bholi was not happy in her house.*

**Explanation:** The primary school was opened by the government so (a) is not true. Bholi wasn't given much attention at home. So (c) is also not true. Her mother decided to send her to school as she thought that she will not be married so sending her to school would not create any problem in future. Hence (d) is also not true. Bholi was happy that she was being sent to some better place than her home. This shows (b) is true and hence the answer.

(D) done to give her a decent look.

**Explanation:** Bholi was being sent to school just because his father had orders from the tehsildar. Moreover, her father was a government official. He had his own status. His children ought to look nice.

(E) (b) Food

**Explanation:** Mend is used in the sense of repairing. We can mend our shoes, torn clothes and even our relationships (by saying sorry or showing love and care towards others). So (a), (c) & (d) are correct with respect to mend. We cannot in any way mend our food. Hence (b) is the answer.

7. (A) (b) die

**Explanation:** Perish here doesn't mean decay (a) as it refers to the world and its people. It also doesn't mean putrid (d) as it refers to the decay of something unpleasant. It also doesn't refer to cold (c). The word perish here does refer to (b) die as the poet is writing about the reasons how the earth may end and all people will die.

(B) a b a b a

(C) (c) To end the world

**Explanation:** The poet in this poem has compared the ice to the hate. He says that there is enough hatred in the hearts of the people to end the world. So the answer here is (c).

(D) (c) love

**Explanation:** The poet tells us that the world will end due to a war and this war can be because of any two reasons either desires (fire) or hate (ice). So (a), (b) & (d) are not the answer. The answer is (c) because it is the love that keeps the world going.

(E) (1) desire; (2) hate

**Explanation:** The poet has compared fire to our desires and says it can be the primary reason for the end of the world. And second reason can be hate, which he compares with ice.

OR

(A) Striding to and fro inside the cage.

(B) (d) The tiger is helpless in a cage.

**Explanation:** Although we all know that a tiger is a mighty animal and this poem describes his feeling when he is caged. In these lines, strength describes his might which has become useless as he is caged.

So (a), (b) and (c) are not the answers. (d) is the right answer.

(C) (b) happiness

**Explanation:** Strength in these lines refers to the freedom, the power of the tiger which is caged. Freedom gives happiness. Hence his happiness is also caged. So (a), (c) & (d) are not the answers. Hence the answer is (b).

(D) By this, the poet means that it doesn't matter to the tiger who his visitors are and what they are doing or saying to him.

**Explanation:** The tiger is captivated and he feels helpless. He just strolls in his cage, thinking about his freedom and the days he spent in the jungle. The tiger thinks only about his freedom and hence he sees nothing except the vast blue sky above him.

(E) (c) happiness of tiger

**Explanation:** The poet tells us that the tiger walks in his cage because he is restless and unhappy in captivity. He misses his home. So stalking here indicates that he is helpless, deprived and desperate to be free. Hence (a), (b) & (d) cannot be the answer. The answer here is (c).

8. (A) Lencho had a little house on the crest of a low hill in the valley from where one could see the river flowing and his field of ripe corn dotted with flowers. These were the only two valuable possessions of Lencho. Lencho used to feel extremely proud of his promising golden ripe corn field. They seemed to give a good harvest that would suffice to survive the entire year. Lencho and his kids had given their all to their corn fields. It was indeed Lencho's 'proud possession'.

(B) Valli used to watch the bus passing by her street, standing at her door everyday. The sight of the bus filled with new passengers every time gave her a sense of an unending joy. She used to hear people and her friends talking about the bus ride and so, she got very desirous of riding the bus alone.

(C) At the beginning of the poem, the poet's heart was full of melancholy and sorrow. As he was passing by a snow-laded hemlock tree, a crow flew suddenly, shaking the branch of the tree. In this act of the crow, some dust of snow fell on the poet. This heavily changed the poet's mood and he became joyous and stress-free.

(D) Once Prince Siddhartha was on out in the forest hunting. There he chanced upon a sick man, a weak old-aged man and a funeral of a person. Later, he saw a monk begging for alms. Those sufferings of the common man made him realise that the world is full of sorrow and disdain. Hence, he left the palace in the search of enlightenment and freedom from the worldly pleasure.

(E) According to the poem, 'How to Tell Wild Animals', if a person goes to the jungles in the east and a large brownish-yellow animal roars while killing him, the dying person can know that it is the Asian Lion.

9. (A) To pay the debt of 18,000 francs, Loiseles had to let go of their decent living. They lived in an impoverished neighbourhood. Matilda had to do all chores like cooking, cleaning, washing, mending, bringing water and bargaining with the butcher and grocer. Her husband worked day and night to save every penny.

(B) It was truly not easy for Hari Singh to rob Anil because Anil was the most trusting and calm person he had ever met. He believed in Hari and was kind towards him. Moreover, to rob a careless man like Anil, who doesn't pay attention to his money, brought no pleasure to Hari.

(C) Lencho compares raindrops to new coins because his crops were ready for harvest. Rain would ensure a better harvest and good crops. This would help him earn more and bring in prosperity. That is why, he compares raindrops to new coins.

10. Anne : Oh there it is! I have got another punishment from Mr. Keesing.

Sanne : That is awful, Anne! You must be terrified with all this.

Anne : Oh, no! There is not much to be disturbed about. I just need to write an essay.

Sanne : Yes, right. What are you planning to write about?

Anne : Well, I am still thinking. But it has to be something witty.

Sanne : But why do you need a witty essay?

Anne : Mr. Keesing will stop punishing me only when I give him delightful essays!

I would not like to become a criminal like Griffin and misuse my power of invisibility.

Rather, I would find it satisfying to help the poor by taking away a little from the people who are corrupt. I would help the sick by providing medicines to them. Of course, I would have to steal from a medical store, but if the sick could be helped by me, it would absolve me of my crime. I would feel like the new-age Robin Hood. It would be exciting to stop people who cheat, steal, or commit more serious crimes. I

Sanne : Oh, that sounds wonderful! I can also help you there.

Anne : That would be wonderful, Sanne!

Sanne : Yes, let's write this one in poetry. I am good at poetry. I will help you.

Anne : Oh, yes, this would be just the perfect way to turn in the essay!

Sanne : Indeed! Let's meet during the recess and complete the essay.

Anne : Sure, Sanne. Thank you for the help!

**OR**

(A) Although the postmaster does his best to arrange the money for Lencho, yet ironically Lencho is dissatisfied. His faith in god leads him to believe that god must have had send 100 pesos only. It were the post office employees, the bunch of crooks who had taken away his money. Thus Lencho does not realise the absurdity of the situation, it was only because of the postmaster that he was able to receive 70 pesos as well.

(B) The First Flight, Black Aeroplane, one observes similar situation. Dakota is saved by a force of mystery, the black aeroplane. In both the stories, the situation of hopelessness is transformed into a chronicle of hope and sustenance.

11. The thief is transformed and catapulted from his miserable state by the goodness of Anil.

Anil was a simple and honest person. Hari Singh targeted him. Anil took Hari Singh to his house and treated him well. He even started teaching him how to read and write. Anil's trust and faith in Hari Singh forced him not to cheat Anil. When Hari Singh stole Anil's money and went out of the house, Anil's love and confidence forced Hari Singh to return and put the money back. Anil also wanted Hari Singh to have a respectable life. All these things changed Hari Singh and transformed him from a thief into a good human being.

Thus, this proves that even a criminal can be transformed if dealt with affection.

**OR**

The story 'Footprints without Feet' exemplifies the idea that with great power, comes great responsibility. Griffin had the unique power of turning invisible. Had he used this power responsibly, things would have been quite different.

would help the police solve their cases too! I would also keep a check on people who waste natural resources like water, oil, etc. I would devise new ways to stop influential people from doing wrong things which go against the welfare of our country. I would also help orphan children by providing them the basic amenities of life.

All in all, it would be a great feeling to be able to help to make a better society and use the power responsibly.