SECTION A (READING)

1. a retired civil engineer
   - cold desert
   - Ladakh is a cold desert at 3000-3500 meters, annual rainfall rate of 50mm
   - climate change
   - Glaciers provide water in the months of April/May which is crucial for irrigation
   - Glaciers and their layers close to the village melt and provide water
   - 2015
   - 3-4 months
   - Accumulation

2.1 feelings, emotions, and dreams; meant to grow; flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way
   - If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call grit.
   - Failing teaches how to be perseverant and keep going for one's goals. Each failure makes one understand what to do and what not to do.
   - Do not accept defeat; effort to overcome limitations; not to stay down.
   - Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice is a technique that many have used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts.

2.2
   - 1000 plus
   - human
   - Persevere
   - agonising
   - Mindfulness

SECTION B WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. LETTER WRITING

| FORMAT | 1 Mark |
| CONTENT | 4 Marks |
| ACCURACY | 1.5 Marks |
| FLUENCY | 1.5 Marks |
4. **STORY WRITING**

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5. **GAP FILLING**

a) (i) in
b) (ii) is
c) (iv) but
d) (iv) finds
e) (iii) catching

6. **EDITING**

1 mark to be awarded to each correct answer. For the marks to be awarded the incorrect word and the correct word should be written. The correct word should be underlined.

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7. **SENTENCE RE-ORDERING**

- Millions tons of plastic enters the ocean every year.
- Sightings of junk filled waters are common.
- Middle – class population is increasing along coastlines.
- Lack of waste management has led to increase in trash.
- My close friends like helping others.

8. a) i) The pilot who was flying an aeroplane from Paris to England
   ii) Favourable weather conditions. Sky was clear.
   iii) Everything was going well/calm and quiet
   iv) happy because of being alone

OR
b)  
  i) Gautam Buddha/ The Prince  
  ii) All the sights moved him.  
  iii) He left his palace and went in search of enlightenment  
  iii) Looked at

9. (1 for content = 1 for grammatical accuracy)  
   i. No doubt Hari is a thief as well as good human being. Situations compel a person to become either beast or remain as a human being. Even goodness and nobility of a person changes anyone’s heart and mind.  
   
   ii. Only because of necklace and showing off, Loisel fell in a debt trap which forced her to live like an ordinary lower middle class housewife. She started doing all the household chores which a lady of her status normally does not do. Aspirations have no limits but one should never forget the ground realities.  
   
   iii. Employees were kind and helpful.  
   
   iv. Lencho was not at all justified in calling them ‘a bunch of crooks’ because they helped him by collecting money and helping him.  
   
   v. To serve her parents in old age and to teach the students in the same school where she had learnt too much.

10. (4 for Content = 2 for Fluency = 2 for Grammatical Accuracy)  
   i) Live a contented life,  
   ii) Best quoted phrase is ‘Honesty is the best policy’  
   iii) Simple living and high thinking.  
   iv) We should not run after materialistic world  
   v) We must not think beyond our limits.

OR

i) Nothing is good or bad only our thinking makes so  
ii) Best things in life are free  
iii) Life is full of problems we should solve them rather than sitting and regretting.  
iv) Sometimes unimportant things change the meaning of life.  
v) Like a lesson taught by crow and the hemlock how to take adverse season in stride and work for the better life

11. (5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)  
   ANY 5-6 POINTS  
   i) Got on her 13th birthday  
   ii) Her father gifted her
iii) Gave diary a nickname, ‘Kitty’
iv) Became her companion as well as good and trusted friend.
v) Confides everything with her
vi) Pen down her thoughts and feelings
vii) Listens to Anne without any advises and preconceptions

OR

i) Anne shares the atrocities.
ii) whole book reveals her nature,
iii) war,
iv) Viewpoint of people who are termed as sufferers.
v) Book reveals about the mentality of the people during war
vi) Depressing end
vii). Every one died in the end except Mr. Frank

(5content+2.5fluency+2.5grammatical accuracy)

ANY 5-6 POINTS

i) Deaf person is deprived of exchanging thoughts and ideas
ii) Deaf and a blind person can’t distinguish the tone of a voice, without a support/help
iii) Helen’s teacher, Anne Sullivan, recognized the problem
iv) Firmly helped her to supply the kinds of stimulus she lacked
v) Kept on repeating the words
vi) Used to speak as well as spell the words for Helen.

OR

i) Author of The Story of my Life
ii) Deaf and Blind due to childhood illness.
iii) Capability to work tirelessly
iv) Educate public about rights and needs of people with disability.
v) Expressive person
vi) Discover pleasure in simplest things