Note: Section A tests the candidate’s ability in reading only. Therefore, no deductions are to be made for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Marks should be awarded if the answer can be clearly understood.

Objective: This section evaluates the reading and comprehension skills of the students and their ability to infer and evaluate the given information.

1. COMPUTERS   MARKS–8

Objective: To identify the main points of a text

Marking: 8 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer

1.1 Sentence Completion

Answers :
a) invention of computers
b) solve mathematical problems / put thousands of unrelated facts in order
c) provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams / used in industries / used in universities / carry out complicated work in all branches of learning (any one).
d) the process by which machines can be used to work for us
e) need detailed instructions from human beings to operate/ cannot make decisions of their own (any one)
f) will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty / to read foreign publications (any one)
g) computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. / Ordinary people would be able to use these pocket computers to obtain valuable information. / Computers could be plugged in to a national network and be used like radios (any one)
h) can be informed about weather conditions / car drivers can be given alternative roads when there are traffic jams / make tiny translating machines (any one)
2 OVERCONFIDENCE

Objective: To identify the main points of a text

Marking: 8 marks - 2 marks for each correct answer

2.1 Answers:

a) because of over assessment of his capabilities and competence; jumps into situations that are beyond his control. 2
b) misadventures / endangering their chances in life / putting them at great risk of failure 2
c) by discussing the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and accepting reality when proved wrong. 2
d) modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size; people of this kind become very cautious before taking any action. (any two) 2

2.2 Vocabulary

Marking: 4 marks - 1 mark for each correct answer

Answers:

a) i) mishap
b) iv) threatening
(c) iii) evaluate
(d) iv) impartial 1X4=4

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) TOTAL MARKS - 25

3. ARTICLE WRITING – CLEAN INDIA CAMPAIGN

MARKS - 5

Objectives: To plan, organize and present ideas coherently
To write in a style appropriate for communicative purposes

Marking: Content - 3 marks
Format - includes heading and signatory
Format to be treated as part of the content
Expression- 2 marks (fluency and accuracy to be taken into account)

Suggested Value Points

Reasons:
Lack of civic sense, insensitive public, callous and lazy attitude of people, lack of awareness among the public, poor infrastructure, lack of funds and no penalty.

Measures to make it a success:
To sensitize people on the importance of cleanliness and hygiene through awareness programmes, like rallies, street plays, electronic and print media, active participation of community and school.

OR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – Influence of friends

Objective: To use the given input in a short sustained piece of writing

Marking:
Content - 3 marks (the given information in the question paper to be included)
Format – include date, subject addressee and closing. Format to be treated as part of the content
Expression- 2 marks (fluency and accuracy to be taken into account)

Suggested value points

Positive Impact:
Friendship - valuable relationship
Influence: establishes a bond, companionship, sharing problems, healthy competition among peers, boosts happiness, reduces stress, a friend in need is a friend indeed.

Negative impact:
Can develop vices, waste of time, peer pressure

Measures:
Making use of time in a productive way, learning from each other, taking up some projects and social work, encouraging each other and being supportive
4. STORY WRITING

Objective: To plan, organize and present ideas coherently

Marking:
- Relevance of content + creativity – 6 marks
- Fluency – 2 marks
- Accuracy – 2 marks

Story completed in any suitable way, using the hints provided should be accepted.

5. GAP FILLING –

Objective: To use grammatical items correctly

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer

Answers:
a) (ii) in
b) (i) reduce
c) (iii) as

6. EDITING –

Objective: To use grammatical items correctly

Marking: ½ a mark for each correct answer

ERROR CORRECTION

a) a the
b) so and
c) inscribe inscribed
d) he him / one
e) better best
f) a an
g) which who
h) claimed claim
7. **REARRANGING WORDS**

**MARKS - 3**

Objective: To reorder words/phrases to write grammatically accurate sentences. To test the knowledge of syntax.

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer. For a partially correct answer, no marks are to be allotted.

Answers:

a) Two persons can be blamed for the murder.

b) There are many clues pointing to the real culprit. / Many clues are there pointing to the real culprit.

c) Find out who the real murderer is.

SECTION C (LITERATURE) TOTAL MARKS-25

General Instructions: This section is meant to test the student’s familiarity with and appreciation of the set texts. However, if the expression prevents clear communication, ½ a mark may be deducted.

8 Objective: To identify the correct answer on the basis of inference, interpretation and comprehension.

(a) **PROSE-PATOL BABU, FILM STAR** MARKS-3

Marking: 3 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer.

Answers:

a) His guru Mr.Pakrashi’s advice – each word spoken in a play has its own importance / gave the exclamation a different inflection each time he uttered / to perfect it / to rehearse it

b) that one simple word ‘Oh!’ could carry so many different shades of meaning when spoken in different ways.

c) said / spoke / made a sound with one’s voice

OR
(b) DRAMA – JULIUS CAESAR

Answers:

a) Mark Antony
b) Killed the mighty ruler, Julius Caesar
c) Grievances / reasons / grudges

9. Answer any four. TOTALMARKS 2x4=8

Objective : To test the ability to infer and evaluate.

Marking : 2 marks for each correct answer

POETRY - SNAKE
a) To the drinking habits of cattle like lifting their heads and looking up vaguely.

PROSE – VIRTUALLY TRUE
b) Nutty about computers and could not resist any of the new gadgets or gizmos that came into the market.

DRAMA – JULIUS CAESAR
c) Brutus’ love for Rome was greater than his love for Caesar - he believed that Caesar was ambitious.

PROSE-SHADY PLOT
d) Lavinia was suspicious of John’s fidelity - suspected him of having an affair – thought he was secretly seeing someone and decided to leave him and go to her grandmother’s house - her lawyer would communicate with him later.
POETRY – THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER

e) The Ancient Mariner had killed the harmless albatross, that had got them out of the land of ice and snow. As a result they had to undergo a lot of sufferings. (their examples)

10. Answer any one in 80 – 100 words TOTAL MARKS- 4

PROSE- PATOL BABU, FILM STAR
Gogon Pakrashi was Patol Babu mentor. He had advised that however small the role may be, a good actor should give full attention to it as every word in a play is important - nothing beneath one’s dignity - make use of every opportunity – do full justice to the role - work done with perfection gives satisfaction.

OR

POETRY - SNAKE

‘Snakes – a beautiful creation of God, an object of our love and not hatred.

• graceful, majestic looking
• some people think some snakes are poisonous, so should be killed.
• king in exile / lord of life
• arouses a sense of admiration
• man’s duty to respect and protect the rights of other creatures
• co-exist in harmony
• many superstitions attached to it.

LONG READING TEXT (NOVELS)

11. Answer any one in 150 – 200 words TOTAL MARKS- 10

Objective: To understand and relate to the prescribed text and be able to make an analysis of events and characters.

Marking: Content: 5 marks Expression: 5 marks
Answers:

Helen Keller’s embittered childhood – illness – deaf, dumb and blind – led to tantrums and frustration - outbursts of passion - short-tempered, problems at school. Helen overcame this after Anne Sullivan’s arrival – Miss Sullivan – embodiment of love, understanding, patience and perseverance - Helen conquered her handicaps due to her determination and her love for nature – communicated with others – broke barriers – aspired for higher goals - supportive parents and friends – self-reliant – no more a burden – not defeated in life – learnt to read, write and speak.

OR

Undying spirit, never dwelt on her handicaps, had patience, perseverance, determination and self-confidence - not defeated in life – small and steady steps towards her destination – the more she attained - the higher she aspired, gave the world the lesson of optimism and positivity – inspired readers and others similarly disadvantaged.

OR

Anne’s resentment due to the strange circumstances she was in – confined to a small place with fear being her constant companion - initially mother was jovial – teased her about her boyfriend - praised her for her school reports but later Anne did not like to be treated like a baby – did not want to be sermonized - felt that her mother was not an ideal mother who would support her emotionally - felt mother was more fond of her sister - blamed Anne for everything - jealous of her father’s attention to her mother - mother’s sarcasm - lack of sweetness - accusations affected her so did not confide in her.

OR

Father was caring, gentle, modest, peace maker, wanted the best for his daughters - wanted Anne to be happy, more tolerant of her, imposed less restrictions and gave her more freedom - not bothered about their reports - defended her - patient, considerate - Anne learned self-control from her father.

(Any other relevant points in respect of answers to the novel’s questions may be accepted)