

SECTION - A

(READING SKILLS)

A1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that following:

1. When television became widespread after World War II, some people thought that television will replace reading. They believed that only a few people might still have any reason to read and that television would become the number one educational tool.
2. We know now that this prediction was incorrect. There has been no decline in most people's need to read. In fact surveys show that more books than ever are being sold and the amount of time that the students spend reading is greater than in the days before television. Unfortunately, however, many students are doing little or no voluntary reading. Most of the reading that they do is assigned by their teachers.
3. Just think about how much you read every day in order to complete your school work. How often can you finish an assignment or your home-work without doing any reading? Is there any class in your school that does not require you to do some reading? You have to read home-economics -directions and recipes, if nothing else- in shop and auto mechanic classes, in the Science lab and certainly in such courses as Social Studies and English. There is no denying the fact that most academic and vocational courses rely heavily on text books.
4. Not too long ago, a group of teachers made a study of the students and learning problems. A curious fact came out of this study. The teachers discovered that the students who did poorly in subjects such as Maths or Art could still do very well in other subjects. But the students who did poorly in reading, almost always did poorly in all their other courses.
5. For a while the teachers who made the study were puzzled by this, but they soon had an answer to this puzzle. The teachers looked at the subjects that the students were failing in and discovered that even subjects like Maths and Science were based on reading.
6. Of course there were also other skills involved such as learning to add and subtract in Maths class most of the explanation of how to do things had to be read by the students. Much of the home-work assignments required students to read long sets of directions and tests and, problems in class often involved story problems, problems that were explained in words and had to be read and understood before they could be solved. Your success or failure in these classes will depend of your ability to read the required material. Finally, if you go to college, almost all your study time will be spent reading. You need more and more information and most of this information comes from the printed material you have to read. Even if you could get tapes or movies containing all the information, you need to know that they would not be of much help until and unless you know how to read.
7. Magazines and books may all be on microfilm in the next few years, but they will still have to be read. The same is true of most of what you have to learn in school.

Your school is probably not going to throw all printed material out of the window very soon.

8. Success in school courses still depends on an ability to read and those students, who cannot read or at least read well enough to master material, are in trouble.
9. You are moving into a world where every day more and more technical reading is required. Instructions for using applications are becoming more complex. There are written instructions to follow, -for food preparations, traffic signs, travel directions and safety information, all requiring the ability to read. People in modern society read hundreds and even thousands of words every day.
10. Also your ability to get and keep a job is directly related to your ability to read. Even the simplest jobs require some reading ability, and many people advance to more important and better paying jobs by getting additional knowledge and skills through reading. The more specialised the job, the need to read confidently, quickly and efficiently.
11. Doctors read professional journals so that they can use the latest medical knowledge in treating patients while pharmacists have to read the prescriptions the doctors write. Lawyers spend their days reading briefs. The number of semi-skilled and professional occupations that require high reading ability is increasing rapidly. Today a person who cannot read is almost unemployable. (About 750 words)

(a) Based on your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions:

- (i) What prediction concerning television is referred to by the author and why does he say that it is incorrect? **1+1**
- (ii) What were the findings of the teachers regarding the poor performance of the students? **2**
- (iii) What do you understand from the term 'technical reading'? **1**
- (iv) Do you think audio-visuals and microfilms can replace reading in modern? Why? Why not? **2**
- (v) Why can't professionals and semi skilled people do away with reading? **2**

(b) Find words in the above passage which mean the same as a search of
Wing: **3x1=3**

A2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Real praise, the sincere compliment is probably the most useful social tool of all its the valued gold coin of our conversation. Yet today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged.

What is a true compliment? Its one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his young assistant were painting our house. The older man was wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started skilfully painting, my father-in-law, said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint-a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade." The painter smiled and did the best job.

We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expensive adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favourably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest sad rarest kind.

A compliment differs from flattery in that it is objective and given without thought of

gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for motives other than expressed.

The greatest efforts of the human race have always resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it point to compliment a child who deserves it. A Woman I know has a 12 year old son who considers washing dishes for his mother a great honour. One night, while washing a large dish, it slipped and crashed on the floor. Then his mother said, "You know, Robert, of all the times you have washed the dishes for me, this is the first time you dropped one." Anxiety left the boy's face and he smiled. As one psychologist advises, "Praise virtue and you will find few vices to criticize."

There is an art in this giving of compliments. Thus the good compliment is always to the point and timing is important. Don't wait too long to tell a person: what a good talk he gave or how well he cut your grass. But don't do it immediately when he is expecting it either. Wait. Then when he thinks you may have forgotten, pass the praise.

Confidence, it has been said, is the greatest gift that one human can give to another. But that does not mean we should be wasteful with our compliments. Rather we should count them carefully remembering that a good compliment has greater purchasing power than money, that no one is too busy or successful to receive a word of praise. (About 450 words)

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using headings, sub-headings and abbreviations (minimum 4), wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it. **5**

(b) Write a summary of the notes in about 80 words. **3**

SECTION - B

(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

B1. You have lost your wrist watch in your school (Asha Public School , Shahbad). Draft a notice about it for your school notice board. You are Vineet/Vineeta of class XII. (Word limit-50 words) **5**

Or

To create awareness among the people regarding the Importance of rain water harvesting, prepare a poster about it to be displayed at an exhibition. (Words limit- 50 words)

B2. You have witnessed a fire accident in a busy market-place. As a reporter of The National Herald, Delhi , draft a report in 125 words, Sign as Raj/Rajni. **10**

Or

You have attended the Hero Hindi Awards function for the film stars. Inventing relevant details, prepare a report in 125 words to be published in The Times of India, Delhi , You are Raju/Rita, a special correspondent of the newspaper.

B3. You are Manish/Manish*, No. 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad . Write a letter to the Superintendent of Nampalli Railway Station, Hyderabad , complaining about the lack of proper facilities at the station, such as retiring rooms etc (Invent necessary details). **10**

Or

You are Approva/Arpita. You bought a Washing Machine from Ganesh Electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur it does not function proper Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary

B4. You are Shanti/Shyam of Class XII in Om Vidyalaya. Write an article in 150 words for your school magazine on any one of the following: **10**

- (i) The influence of technological progress on traditional India life and values.
- (ii) Causes of frustration among the present day youth a possible solutions.

SECTION - C

(TEXT BOOK)

C1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

It surprised me. Why? What was the matter? Her interest aroused my interest in her. When I had finished my lunch, I asked the waitress, "Do you know the man sitting over there?"

- (i) What does 'it' refer to? Who does the 'I' refer to? **2**
- (ii) Describe the girl. **2**
- (iii) What did the girl do before going out? **1**
- (iv) Where did this incident take place? **1**
- (v) What information did the waitress give? **2**

C2. Answer the following in 30-40 words each. **6x2=12**

- (i) Describe the Brahmo Samaj movement. Why could it not be a great success, according to the author?
- (ii) What, according to Max Mueller, are the most important contributions of the Aryans of India?
- (iii) How did the idea of renting the same room of two persons strike Mrs. Bouncer?
- (iv) Why does the poet call the war 'quaint and curious'?
- (v) Machines are worshipped as well as hated and loathed - Why?
- (vi) Why does the narrator think that the activities of the girl and the young man were a sheer waste?

C3. Answer the following in 150 words: **10**

How does absence of appropriate planning and management of tourism endanger ecotourism?

Or

What were the major charges levelled against Warren Hasting for his impeachment?

C4. Answer the following In 150 words: **7**

Mention the different types of training Imparted at the Tolstoy Farm explain how they are related.

Or

Why, according to the author the younger generation be physically strong, and how?

C5. Answer the following in 30-40 words each **4x2=8**

(i) Why did Mrs. Wang eventually call the river the by saying, "Come on, you old demon"?

(ii) Narrate the story about the Origin of weaving as believed by the Kaman Mishmis of Lohit Valley.

(iii) What is Evie's argument for helping Mr. Gresham'

(iv) What, according to Bismarck aid Kipling, is 'the zest for living'?