

**SECTION - A
(READING)**

1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: **(8 marks)**

FOREST FIRES

Someone dropped a burning match
Unheeded by the way
It caught on fire some underbrush;
Its user did not stay.
From grass to brush from brush to tree
So stealthily it ran,
That no one ever guessed or knew
Just where that fire began.
Someone built a campfire
And failed to put it out.
A breeze came and quickened;
The embers spread about;
And soon the woods were blazing.
The fire spread and spread;
The trees that took long years to grow
Stand blackened now and dead.
Someone saw a little fire
As he was passing by.
He did not stop to put it out;
He did not even try.
He had not started it, of course;
He had no time to spare;
That it might start a forest fire
He did not even care.

Myrtle Barber Carpenter

- 1.1 Complete the following flow chart by writing suitable words/phrases against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. **(5 x 1 = 5 marks)**

- 1.2 Someone who saw the fire did not stop to put it out because **(3 x 1 = 3 marks)**

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **(12 marks)**

1. Martin Luther King, one of the greatest men ever to walk on this earth, started the defence force with which the American Blacks got their rights and gained freedom from the distressing racial discrimination.
2. Martin was born on January 15, 1929. His family lived on the outskirts of Atlanta. The fact that he could not play with White children, or that he had to offer a seat in the bus to a White, disturbed him. When he was eight years old, his father a Baptist pastor, told the family a sad story: Bessie Smith, a great singer, met with an accident. An ambulance rushed her to the nearest hospital, but she was not admitted because she was a Black. The ambulance took her from one hospital to another, but she could not find a place for herself because these hospitals were only for the Whites. She died for want of blood. From that day, Martin Luther King dreamt of becoming a liberator of the Blacks.
3. King completed his studies at More House College, and then earned a doctor's degree in theology at Boston University. In 1955, King married Alabama Soprano Coretta Scott. That very year he became a pastor and preached his first sermon in the Baptist Church of Atlanta. As a young man, he was greatly impressed by Mahatma Gandhi's success in the political field and the power of ahimsa. King decided to follow the path of non-violence and get millions of Blacks their due. He felt that the Blacks had immensely contributed towards the building of America, and there was no reason why they should not be treated with respect.
4. King drew national attention in 1956. Since the Blacks were not permitted to sit in the same buses as the Whites, he led a boycott of public buses in Montgomery. A year later, after many arrests and threats, the US Supreme Court gave a ruling that racial segregation of public transport was unlawful. This victory taught the Blacks the power of non-violence. After 1957, King began visiting various places to deliver lectures. Soon he became a powerful orator, drawing the attention of people the world over.
5. King continued the fight, a peaceful fight, demanding the rights of the Blacks. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1967, King led many peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam War and in 1968 he declared a Poor People's Campaign. On April 4 of that very year, while planning a demonstration of striking sanitation workers, he was shot dead by an assassin. (421 words)

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(3 x 1 = 3 marks)**

- f. Martin Luther King was disturbed by the fact that _____.
- g. The story of _____ motivated him to fight for the rights of the Blacks.
- h. He followed the path of non-violence because _____.

2.2 Fill in the blanks to complete the following table. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(5 X 1 = 5 marks)**

Year	Event
(a) _____	He became a pastor.
1956	(b) -
1964	(c)
1967	(d) -
(e) _____	He died.

2.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(4 x 1 = 4 marks)**

- i. causing anxiety and pain (Para 1)

- j. very largely (Para 3)
- k. separation (Para 4)
- l. a person who murders (Para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING) (30 marks)

You are Anuj Gupta. You are at Mumbai, attending a computer training programme being conducted by Apex International Institute, Ville Pane. The training has been extended by a week. Write a telegram to your father, Mr. Akash Gupta of 15, Chitranganj Enclave, Kolkata, informing him of the change and also ask him to send you Rs. 3,000 to meet certain unexpected expenditure.

Copy the format of the telegram given below and write the telegram in your answer sheet Your telegram should not exceed 25 words **(5 marks)**

INDIAN POST AND TELEGRAPH	
NAME AND	NAME
ADDRESS OF	ADDRESS
THE ADDRESSEE	TEL. NO. :
MESSAGE ----- -----	
SENDER NAME:	
Sender's Name and Address : Not to be telegraphed	

You are Geetanjali Ahuja, the Head Girl of Blossoms Public School, Gulbarga. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students of classes IX and X about an inter-class debate competition to be held in the school in the first week of April. Give the necessary details. **(5 marks)**

You are Sonia Dev, Secretary 'Save the Child Foundation'. You are a social activist working for the welfare of children in the developing world. As you travel to many developing countries, you have collected the following fact sheet. Read it carefully and write a letter in 150-200 words to the editor of 'The Daily Mirror', highlighting the problems of childhood and how these can be solved. **(10 marks)**

<p>FACTSHEET Lost Childhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the developing world, more than one in three children do not have adequate shelter, one in five children does not have access to safe water, and one in seven has no access to health services. • As many as 121 million children, the majority of them girls, do not attend school. • Two million children under the age of five die every year because they are not immunized with routine, commonplace vaccines. • If just 0.5 percent of global military spending were diverted to immunization, every child, in the world could be immunized for the next decade.
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'Massive poaching in the past two years has wiped out the entire tiger population at one of the tiger reserves in India,' says one of the investigation reports.

Look at the visual below and notice how the number of tigers in India is falling. Using your own ideas and clues from the unit 'Environment', write an article in about 200 words for 'Eco-World' magazine expressing your concern on the issue. **(10 marks)**

FALLING NUMBERS

Official estimates of tigers in the wild

For Blind Candidates Only

'Massive poaching in the past two years has wiped out the entire tiger population at one of the tiger reserves in India', says one of the investigation reports. The number of tigers in India has fallen from 4334 in 1989 to 3500 in the year 2004. Using your own ideas and clues from the unit 'Environment', write an article in about 200 words for 'Eco-World' magazine expressing your concern on the issue. **(10 marks)**

SECTION C (GRAMMAR) (20 MARKS)

The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. **(8 x 1/2 = 4 marks)**

The passenger were waiting at the station when five policemen rushing into difference compartments of a train. After sometimes one of them comes out with two young men and soon the other policemen joined her the men which had been arrested was been caught for a theft. they had stealed two cars and a motorcycle.

Example: passenger ... passengers

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____
- (g) _____
- (h) _____

Fill in the blanks using only one word in each blank. The first one has been done as an example. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(8 X 1/2 = 4 marks)**

It is frightening to get stuck in (a) _____ storm. A dust storm (b) _____ prove to be quite blinding (c) _____ dangerous. People (d) _____ take shelter (e) _____ a safe place. Children (f) _____ be told by (g) _____ parents what they should (h) _____ in such situations.

Read the following conversation between Ritu and Reena and complete the passage below it. Write the correct answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(4 x 1 = 4 marks)**

Ritu : Hello Reena! Do you know that the school trip to Mussoorie has been cancelled?

Reena : No, I didn't know that. Why has the trip been cancelled?

Ritu : Our school principal is a little worried about our safety.

Reena : Why is she worried?

Ritu : It has been raining heavily during the past four weeks. Our principal feels that a landslide could occur in that area.

Ritu met Reena and asked her (a) cancelled. Reena replied that she didn't know that. She Ritu (b) _____. Ritu told her that (c) _____ Reena asked her why she was worried. Ritu told her (d) _____ during the past four weeks and their principal felt that a landslide could occur in that area.

Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for. you as an example. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(4 x 1 = 4 marks)**

Example— important / it / is / to observe / rules / traffic

It is important to observe traffic rules

- . not / children / below / of / the age / must / drive / eighteen years.
- a. protection / our / we / must / helmets / own / wear/for
- b. phones / must / used / not / mobile / be / driving / while
- c. traffic police / making /efforts / is / to increase / on the roads / safety

Read the news items given below Use the information in the headlines to complete the sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number do not copy the whole sentences. **(4 x 1 = 4 marks)**

- . WOMEN RESCUE CHILD
Two brave women of Rampur village _____ kidnapped by his father s distant relative.
- a. TWO KILLED IN COLLISION
Two passengers travelling in a car died _____. The driver of the truck is absconding
- b. BAN ON SMOKING
Smoking _____ all public places
- c. OLD BUILDING DEMOLISHED
Keeping in mind the dilapidated condition of yesterday

SECTION D (LITERATURE) (30 marks)

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only Number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

O thou,
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed
The winged seeds where they lie cold and low
Each like a corpse within its grave, until
Thine azure sister of the Spring shall blow...

- . Who has been addressed in the above lines **(1)**
- a. Name the poetic devices used in the above stanza **(1)**

- b. What does 'dark wintry bed' refer to? **(1)**
- c. What does the poet mean by 'azure sister'? **(1)**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

Though subdued and sleep-deprived,
In the night her throat revived,
And the sumac tree was bowed
With a breathless, titled crowd:

- . Who is 'her' in the above stanza? **(1)**
- a. What has made her subdued and sleep deprived? **(2)**
- b. Why is the 'sumac tree' bowed? **(1)**

Give any two reasons that Brutus gave the citizens to justify the assassination of Caesar. Write your answer in 75—100 words. **(5 marks)**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. **(5 marks)**

SCROOGE ... From now on I'm going to be one of your most persistent guests. I've changed, my boy; you'll see!

- . Who is Scrooge speaking to? **(1)**
- a. Why is Scrooge going to be his persistent guest? **(1)**
- b. What else does Scrooge do to show change in his attitude? **(1)**
- c. What was Scrooge's attitude in his previous meeting with the addressee? **(2)**

What circumstances compelled the grandmother and her family to leave their home and go to the refugee camp in South Africa? Write your answer in 50-75 words. **(4 marks)**

You are the Postmaster in the story 'The Letter'. You and Lakshmi Das leave the letter on Ali's grave and return home feeling very sad and remorseful. Write a diary page in 150-175 words describing your feelings of guilt and how you have come to realize the importance of a letter. **(8 marks)**