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Type	Reading	Grammar	Writing	Literature

**Section A: Reading**

I. Read the passage given below.

- i. Despite plenty of nay-sayers, the textbook is dead. It just doesn't know it yet and continues on walking about as though alive. I even have one, A Text-Book of Physics, on my bookshelf beside me that was printed in 1891. It has some line drawings and no colour. Today, textbooks have lots of colourful images and engaging questions sprinkled about them. They also have tons of advice for teachers on how to use them effectively.
- ii. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. It's had a good run and is ready to retire. Those who argue that you cannot learn well without a textbook ignore the centuries prior to 1720 when lots of people learned and learned well with no textbooks anywhere. You can learn without textbooks. That's certain. But why should we bother to change something that's worked for 300 years? Many deliver the verdict in a single word: technology. That's way too simplistic.
- iii. We've seen film loops, overhead projectors, motion picture projectors, machine scoring of tests and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms, but the textbook remains. No, technology alone will not end the reign of the textbook. It takes something more, and that became available in the 1940s — the programmable electronic computer. But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. The computer was not sufficient by itself.
- iv. The next big change began with ARPANET in the 1960s. This foundation led to the Internet, and its growth has been phenomenal. But a widespread communication medium alone is not sufficient to dislocate textbooks either. Inexpensive computers, easy-to-use interfaces (GUIs) and ready access to the Internet all contribute.
- v. "Fine," say many. "But the textbook publishers are putting their books online. They are creating e-textbooks. So, textbooks live!"
- vi. This argument misses the essential difference between education technology in the earlier times and education technology in the present, other than mere cost. Computer software can be interactive. Previous education technology was, like textbooks, rather passive. Active learning is far superior to passive learning, so much so that it's not a step, not a leap, but a rocket-propelled launch past old-fashioned learning.
- vii. It's the mental engagement with something that determines whether you learn and how well. The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like

real life, and are able to use a variety of devices to reach the web and become part of the learning community. They will be guided by a combination of human mentors and machines. Furthermore, diagnostic analysis of their work will tell mentors when students are ready for certain learning and, more importantly, when they're not.

viii. Textbooks do not tap into our brains to realise this learning potential. Hence, today, the textbook is a zombie. It's just waiting for that wooden stake or silver bullet to put it to a well-deserved rest.

- Harry Keller, July 22, 2013

- In the passage, the author talks about a well-deserved rest for the textbooks. Which of these describes the author's attitude towards textbooks?
  - He criticises the value added by textbooks in society.
  - He recommends that textbooks are the sole medium for effective learning.
  - He thinks that textbooks are far more superior than other mediums of knowledge.
  - He is concerned about the continued use of textbooks as a primary source of learning.
- Based on the passage, the following developments took place in the education field.
  - The process of learning took place without the use of textbooks.
  - The invention of computers and digital books reduced the dependency on physical books.
  - The creation of adaptive and interactive learning tools contributed to the way learning took place.
  - The introduction and circulation of textbooks turned them into a commonly used medium of learning.Which of these arranges the developments in the order of their occurrence?
  - i-ii-iii-iv
  - i-iv-ii-iii
  - ii-i-iii-iv
  - iii-i-ii-iv
- Select the option that can weaken the author's case for a complete shift to computer learning in paragraph VI.
  - a sharp increase in the creation of e-textbooks
  - a rising dependency on using technology as a medium of learning
  - scholarly articles comparing the effectiveness of online learning with that of textbooks
  - the development of e-textbooks with activities that require active participation from readers
- Which of these best conveys the meaning of 'diagnostic analysis' as used in paragraph VII?
  - a depiction of the learners' interests
  - a display of the learners' achievements
  - an evaluation of the learners' capabilities
  - an appreciation of the learners' initiatives
- Which of these sentences CORRECTLY uses the phrase 'rocket-propelled' as used in paragraph VI?
  - Sean is lucky to have a friend who talks to him in a rocket-propelled way.
  - Anika screamed out of fear and ran out of her house in a rocket-propelled manner.
  - Regular practice and a good coach gave the batsman a rocket-propelled rise in his career.
  - The TV was buzzing with the news of severe damage caused by a rocket-propelled explosion.

6. Select the option that BEST describes the passage.
- A. Harry Keller's piece gives an account of the origin of textbooks.
  - B. Harry Keller's essay provides a boost to the field of education technology.
  - C. Harry Keller's commentary on the popularity of computers is a must-read.
  - D. Harry Keller's observations on the changes in learning patterns are brilliant.
7. Select the option from the passage that does NOT qualify as a fact.
- A. Today, textbooks have lots of colorful images and engaging questions sprinkled about. (paragraph I)
  - B. The word "textbook" originated in the 1720s, almost 300 years ago. (paragraph II)
  - C. But here we are, 70 years later, with plenty of textbooks visible. (paragraph III)
  - D. The really big change will come when students can jump into online situations that are more like real life... (paragraph VII)
8. Suppose the students have to learn about the water cycle. According to the author, a student will BEST learn about the water cycle while \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. creating a miniature model of it
  - B. listening to a teacher explain it in detail
  - C. reading about it through colourful textbooks
  - D. watching an informative video about it on the internet
9. Based on the text given, we can say that the author is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. documenting the history of learning tools
  - B. suggesting ways to limit the use of technology
  - C. proposing an argument and making a case for it
  - D. highlighting the cause of a problem and its effects
10. We've seen film loops, overhead projectors...and a myriad of other technological innovations in classrooms...  
In other words, we can say that the author has seen film loops, projectors and \_\_\_\_\_ technological innovations in classrooms.
- A. various                      B. definite                      C. distinct                      D. complex

II. Read the passage given below.

(1) The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are 'money rich and time poor' are increasingly looking for unique experiences --a phenomenon being called the emergence of the 'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.

(2) A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A

high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

(3) The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

11. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

The rate of tourism in the North-East of India puzzles tourism officials.

12. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

From paragraph 1, we can infer that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the 'money rich and time poor' tourists.

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Distinctiveness | 2. Conventionality | 3. diversity |
| 4. Uniformity      | 5. modernity       |              |
| A. 1 & 3           | B. 2 & 4           | C. 2 & 5     |
|                    |                    | D. 1 & 4     |

13. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:

aroma: cooking :: painting: ?

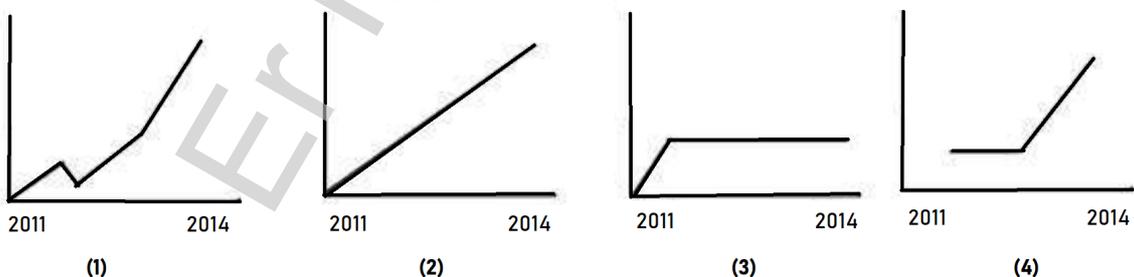
(Clue: Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly is/ are integral to painting)

14. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

Travellers advocating the 'experience economy' seek a holiday package with \_\_\_\_\_ (Para 1)

- A. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.  
 B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.  
 C. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.  
 D. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.

15. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2.



- A. Option 1      B. Option 2      C. Option 3      D. Option 4

16. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed \_\_\_\_\_ results.

- A. expected      B. encouraging      C. inconsistent      D. questionable

17. Substitute the word 'witnessed' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:  
Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of...
18. List any 2 examples of 'tourist facilities' as referred to, in Paragraph 3.
19. List one reason why the researchers recommend that the formulation of a tourism strategy in the North-Eastern States of India be sustainable.
20. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.
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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| (A) 1 Full Speed Ahead! | 2 Ups and Downs          | 3 Cause for Concern |
| (B) 1 Winds of Change   | 2 Numbers Don't Lie      | 3 Time for Action   |
| (C) 1 Inspecting Trends | 2 Statistically Speaking | 3 Let's Investigate |
| (D) 1 Cause & Effect    | 2 Dynamic Data           | 3 Dependable Facts  |

### Section B: Grammar

21. Report the dialogue between grandmother and children, by completing the sentence:  
**Children:** Can we go to the park?  
**Grandmother:** Yes, but don't play on the grass, boys.  
Giving permission to go to the park, Grandmother warned the children and told them \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following.  
The concert's been \_\_\_\_\_ until next month because the singer's got a throat infection.  
a) Put off      b) Put down      c) Put aside      d) Will be put away
23. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan for Earth Day.  
PLASTIC \_\_\_\_\_ BE FANTASTIC BUT GREEN IS CLEAN!  
a) CAN      b) MAY      c) MUST      d) WILL
24. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.  
Some students tends to experience episodes of anxiety and sleeplessness and even nervous breakdowns.
- | error | correction |
|-------|------------|
|       |            |
25. It seems that somebody \_\_\_\_\_ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I \_\_\_\_\_ late for school four times last week.  
a) writes/was      b) wrote / would be      c) had written/ was      d) has written/ have been
26. Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.  
**Liz:** Hey Mike, good to see you!  
**Mike:** What are you doing here, Liz?

Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike surprisingly asked Liz \_\_\_\_\_.

27. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Need for \_\_\_\_\_ (promote) Healthy Eating Routines

Dear Madam

This is with reference to ....

28. He said to his servant, "Why are you so lazy today?" Reported speech:

- He asked his servant why was he so lazy today.
- He asked his servant why he had been so lazy that day.
- He asked his servant why he was being so lazy that day.
- He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.

29. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.

Critics have time and again points out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single-line parameters, which is unfair.

error	correction

30. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line about a key quality of teachers.

A good teacher \_\_\_\_\_ treat all students alike.

- a) should      b) ought to      c) must      d) will

### Section C: Writing

31. You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter to the editor 'The Indian Express', giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished.

32. Read the following excerpt from an online post of a website on educational practices.

Kids who appreciate how much effort, time and care goes into growing food will understand how important farmers are, and why it's important to take care of our Earth. In the world of today, gardening needs to be given more importance than sports, music and dance in all schools because it creates environmental stewards and outdoor learning laboratories that help the child and community for years to come.

Write a paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

## Section D: Literature

33. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

“Hey, a tea garden!” Rajvir cried excitedly. Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn’t share Rajvir’s excitement. “Oh, this is tea country now,” he said. “Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!” “I have been reading as much as I could about tea,” Rajvir said. “No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends.”

- i. Why was Pranjol not as excited as Rajvir about the tea gardens?
  - A. He disliked looking at tea gardens.
  - B. He had worked in tea gardens himself.
  - C. He had grown up in and around tea gardens.
  - D. He was bored with tea gardens.
- ii. What does Pranjol mean by saying that Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world?
- iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.  
Pranjol’s \_\_\_\_\_ comes through clearly when he exclaims, “You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!”
- iv. How according to Rajvir does the world know about the discovery of tea?
  - A. Historical places
  - B. Traditional tales
  - C. Authentic anecdotes
  - D. Popular publications
- v. Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘cried’ as used in line 1 of the extract.
  - A. Jaspreet cried a lot in spite of winning second place in a competition.
  - B. Jaspreet cried out loud when she saw a white tiger in the sanctuary.
  - C. Jaspreet cried for hours when the police were unable to find her lost pet.
  - D. Jaspreet has barely cried since she was three years of age.

34. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,  
the forest that was empty all these days  
where no bird could sit no insect hide  
no sun bury its feet in shadow  
the forest that was empty all these nights  
will be full of trees by morning.

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately.  
It is clear that Personification is the poetic device used for ‘No sun bury its feet...’ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does she wish to create by its use?  
...no bird could sit  
no insect hide  
no sun...
  - A. emphasis
  - B. comparison
  - C. rhyme
  - D. humour
- iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:  
The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.

- iv. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.  
The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. unnatural                      B. scary                      C. magical                      D. legendary
- v. How does the use of enjambment impact this extract?
- A. It forces frequent pauses.                      B. It simplifies the meaning.  
C. It builds momentum.                      D. It makes the lines lyrical.
35. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (4\*3 = 12 marks)
- Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end in fire?
  - Give one reason why 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is more a fable than a ballad.
  - Why do the most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventures of Coorg?
  - Why do you think Natalya Stepanova asked her father to call Lomov back when she heard that he had come with a proposal?
36. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (2\*3 = 6 marks)
- "But there was one thing I could do - collect things." What collection did Ebright make? When did he start making the collection?
  - Validate the importance of small, fun learning tasks towards successful careers, in the context of Richard Ebright in The Making of a Scientist.
37. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words. (6\*2 = 12 marks)
- 'Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind'.  
If you had to use the message of the given quote from the Buddha's sermon (The Sermon at Benares) to help the boy cope with the loss of his ball and what it signifies (The Ball Poem), what would you include in your advice?  
Also, evaluate why it might be difficult for him to understand the notion.
  - 'Honour among thieves' is considered a popular code.  
Examine 'A Question of Trust' as a story woven around this code.



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