

ENGLISH(Core)
Code 301
Guess Paper 2014

Time: 3 Hours

M.Marks: 100

General Instructions:

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A,B and C.All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A- (Reading)
{20 MARKS}

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

1 For many years now the government have been promising the eradication of child labour in hazardous industries in India. But the truth is that despite all the rhetoric no government so far has succeeded in eradicating this evil, nor has any been able to ensure compulsory primary education for every Indian child. Between 60 and 100 million children are working in hazardous industries. India has the biggest child population of 380 million in the world, plus the largest number of children who are forced to earn a living.

2 We have many laws that ban child labour in hazardous industries. According to the Child Labour (prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, the employment of children below the age of 14 in hazardous occupations has been strictly banned. But each state has different rules regarding the minimum age of employment. This makes implementation of these laws difficult.

3 Also, there is no ban on child labour in non-hazardous occupations. This Act applies to the organised or factory sector and not the unorganised or informal sector where most children find employment as cleaners, servants, porters, waiters etc. Among other forms of unskilled work. Thus child labour continues because the implementation of the existing laws is lax.

4 There are industries, which have a special demand for child labour because of their nimble fingers, high level of concentration and capacity to work hard at abysmally low wages. The carpet industry in U.P. And Kashmir employs children to make hand knotted carpets. There are 80,000 child workers in Jammu and Kashmir alone. In Kashmir because of the political unrest, children are forced to work while many schools are shut. Industries like gem cutting and polishing pottery and glass want to remain competitive by employing children.

5 Truth is that it is a poverty which is pushing children into the brutish labour market. We have 260 million people below the poverty line in India, a large number of them are women. Poor and especially woman-headed families, have no option but to push their little ones in this hard life in hostile conditions, with no human or labour rights.

6 There is a lobby which argues that there is nothing wrong with children working as long as the environment for work is conducive to learning new skills, but studies have shown that the children are made to do boring, repetitive and tedious jobs and are not taught new skills as they grow older. In these hell-holes like the sweet shops of the old there is no hope.

7 Children working in hazardous industries are prone to debilitating diseases which can cripple them for life. By sitting in cramped, damp and unhygienic spaces, their limbs become deformed for life. Inside matchstick, fire works and glass industries they are victims of bronchial diseases and T.B. Their mental and physical development is permanently impaired by long hours of work. Once trapped, they cannot get out of this vicious circle of poverty. They remain uneducated and powerless. Finally, in later years, they too are compelled to send their own children to work. Child labour perpetuates its own nightmare.

8 If at all the government was serious about granting children their rights, an intensive effort ought to have been made to implement the Supreme Courts Directive of 1997 which laid down punitive action against employers of child labour. Only compulsory primary education can eliminate child labour.

9. Surely, if 380 million children are given a better life and elementary education, India's human capital would be greatly enhanced. But that needs, as former President Abdul Kalam says, "a second vision".

- (a) (i) On which two counts has the government not succeeded so far in respect of children? (2)
(ii) What makes the implementation of child labour law difficult? (2)
(iii) Why do the Industries prefer child labour? (2)
(iv) What are the adverse effects of hazardous industries on children? Give any two. (2)
(v) What does the Supreme Court's Directive of 1997 provide? (1)
- (b) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
(i) risky/dangerous (para 1)
(ii) very unfriendly (para 5) (3 marks)
(iii) intended as punishment (para 8)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

There is nothing more frustrating than when you sit down at your table to study with the most sincere of intentions and instead of being able to finish the task at hand you find your thoughts wandering. However, there are certain techniques that you can use to enhance your concentration. "Your concentration level depends on a number of factors," says Samuel Ghosh, a social counsellor. "In order to develop your concentration span, it is necessary to examine various facets of your physical and internal environment," she adds.

To begin with one should attempt to create the physical environment that is conducive to focussed thought. Whether it is the radio, TV or your noisy neighbours, identify the factors that makes it difficult for you to focus. For instance, if you live in a

very noisy neighbourhood, you could try to plan your study hours in a nearby library. She disagrees with the notion that people can concentrate or study in an environment with distractions like a loud television, blaring music etc. “If you are distracted when you are attempting to focus, your attention and retention powers do not work at optimum levels,” cautions Ghosh. “Not more than two of your senses should be activated at the same time,” she adds. What that means is that music that sets your feet tapping is not the ideal accompaniment to your books.

Also do not place your study table or desk in front of a window. “While there is no cure for a mind that wants to wander, one should try and provide as little stimulus as possible. Looking out of a window when you are trying to concentrate will invariably send your mind on a tangent,” says Ghosh.

The second important thing, she says, is to establish goals for oneself instead of setting a general target and then trying to accomplish what you can in a haphazard fashion. It is very important to decide what you have to finish in a given span of time, The human mind recognises fixed goals and targets and appreciates schedules more than random thoughts. Once your thoughts and goals are in line, a focused system will follow.

She recommends that you divide your schedule into study and recreation hours. When your study, choose a mix of subjects that you enjoy and dislike and save the former for the last so that you have something to look forward to. For instance, if you enjoy verbal skill tests more than mathematical problems, then finish Maths first. Not only will you find yourself working harder, you will have a sense of achievement when you wind up.

Try not to sit for more than 40 minutes at a stretch. Take a very short break to make a cup of tea or listen to a song and sit down again. Under no circumstances, should one sit for more than one and a half hours. Short breaks build your concentration and refresh your mind. However, be careful not to overdo the relaxation. It may have undesired effects.

More than anything else, do not get disheartened. Concentration is merely a matter of disciplining the mind. It comes with practice and patience and does not take very long to become a habit for life.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title. (5 Marks)
- (b) Write a summary of the above in 80 words. (3 Marks)

SECTION B- (Advanced Writing Skills)

{ 35 MARKS }

You are Mr. D. R. Pandey, Physical Education Teacher, Kendriya Vidyalaya ,

Lucknow. You want to select the school hockey team for the Inter-School Hockey Tournamnet. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting those who are interested in selection o give their names. (5 MARKS)

OR

As Principle , Kendriya Vidyalaya, kanpur, write a notice in about 50 words informing the students of Class XII that their Biology paper in the first term examination shall take on 5th October instead of 29th September. Give a reason for the same.

4. You are Porva/ Partha, Cultural Secretary of your school, D.M. Senior Secondary School, Ambergaon. A week-long Music and Dance festival was organised by your school. Write areport in 100-125 words for your school magazine. Invent the details. (10MARKS)

OR

Every evening you go to the local vegetable market in the company of your mother to buy vegetables. There are various stalls, push carts and some vendors selling vegetables even sitting on the ground. Write a factual description of the vegetable market in 100-125 words. You are Anita/ Virk.

5. Write a letter to the Manager(Publications) of Angel Flower Company, Pune, placing an order for 5 books on Management and Administration recently published by them. You are Amrit/Ruchi, Librarian, Doon Valley Engineering College, Karnal. (10MARKS)

OR

Governments schools in metro cities have big playgrounds. They are run in double shifts- morning or girls and afternoon for boys. As a result the sportpersons can not find enough time to make proper use of the grounds. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily raising the issue. Offer some suggestions. You are Dilpreet/ Rakhi, 19 Choudhary House Colony, Karnal.

6. Rising income of the middle class families are leading to obesity among their children. Poring ove books for hours coupled with the lure of TV and the Internet has led to a sedentary life-style. Addiction to junk food is another cause of obesity. Write a speech in 150-20 words on obesity, its causes and how to prevent it. (10MARKS)

OR

With the rising number of people in almost all the big cities of the country, the rate of crime has increased proportionately. The police needs to be trained in new methodology of combating the crime besides changing its mindset. Write an article in about 150-200 words on “The role of police in maintaining law and order in the

metropolitan cities”. You are Karan/ Ravina.

SECTION C (30+15=45 MARKS)

LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXTS

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing [4 MARKS]
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of inhuman dearth
Of noble natures,.....

- (i) What is “morrow”? (1)
- (ii) Why do we need “a flowery band”? (2)
- (iii) What is inhuman in life? (1)

OR

Surely, Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example
With ships and sun and love tempting them to steal
For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes
From fog to endless night?

- (i) Why is Shakespeare referred to as “wicked”? (1)
- (ii) How is “map” a bad example? (1)
- (iii) What do “ships”. “sun” and “love” symbolise? (1)
- (iv) Where do their lives “slyly” turn? (1)

8. Answer any two of the following in 30-40 words each: [2x2=4 MARKS]

- (a) How did Kamala Das mother look during the drive to Cochin?
- (b) What is the meaning of the phrase, “massive weight of uncles's wedding band”?
- (c) How is a thing of beauty, a joy forever?(A Thing of Beauty)

9. Answer any six of the following in about 30-40 words: [6x2=12Marks]

- (a) What surprise awaited Franz as he entered his classroom?(The Last Lesson)
- (b) Which factors led Douglas to decide in favour of Y.M.C.A. Pool?(Deep Water)

- (c) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25% refund to the farmers?
- (d) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?
- (e) What happened when the Tiger King had killed seventy tigers?
- (f) Why did Evans not take off his hat when Jackson had ordered him to do so?
- (g) What does Sophie mean when she says, 'this was a Geoff thing not a Jansie thing'?

10. The plight of the ragpickers of Seemapuri and the bangle makers of Firozabad exposes the callous, cruel face of the society. Which values should the society follow to cure itself of such maladies? {5Marks}

OR

Describe how Pearl S Buck's story, "The Enemy" shows that basic human goodness overpowers all other factors.

11. There is saying, 'Kindness pays, rudeness never'. In the story, 'The Rattrap' Edla's attitude towards men and matter is different from her father's attitude. How are the values of concern and compassion brought out in the story, 'The Rattrap'? {5Marks}

LONG READING NOVEL (THE HOUND OF BASKERVILLES)

12. Describe the encounter of the Hound with Sir Henry. How was Sir Henry saved? {8 Marks}

OR

What is the mystery of the 'walking stick'? What are Watson's and Sherlock Holmes's interferences about it and its owner?

13. What was the legend behind the Hound of the Baskervilles? What was the most recent event that occurred in support of this myth? {7 Marks}

OR

"Some people without possessing genius have a remarkable power of stimulating it". In the light of Holmes's remarks, write a character sketch of Dr. Watson.

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