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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions: 1) Attempt all Questions
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions (10)

Reading is a fundamental skill that plays a vital role in our lives. It's not just about deciphering words on a page but about the doors it opens, the knowledge it imparts, and the worlds it allows us to explore. Reading is an essential tool for learning, expanding our horizons, and fostering imagination.

When we read, we acquire knowledge. Whether it's reading textbooks, newspapers, or online articles, we gain information that helps us understand the world. Books, in particular, are a treasure trove of knowledge. They contain the wisdom of generations, the discoveries of great minds, and the stories of diverse cultures. Reading books can educate us on history, science, literature, and countless other subjects. It's like having a mentor, guiding us through the complexities of life.

Reading also broadens our horizons. It exposes us to different viewpoints, perspectives, and experiences. When we read about characters from various backgrounds or explore far-off lands through the pages of a novel, we step into their shoes and see the world from a different angle. This broadening of perspective fosters empathy and understanding, making us more tolerant and open-minded individuals.

Furthermore, reading fuels our imagination. Whether it's a fantasy novel, a science fiction story, or a compelling mystery, books transport us to other worlds and challenge us to envision the unimaginable. Our minds become the canvas, and words paint the pictures. It's a magical experience that ignites creativity and inspiration.

Moreover, reading is a skill that transcends academic boundaries. It's not just about scoring well on tests; it's about developing critical thinking, analytical skills, and the ability to communicate effectively. A person who reads regularly is likely to have a broader vocabulary, better writing skills, and an improved ability to express their thoughts and ideas.

In our modern digital age, reading has taken on new forms. E-books and audiobooks have made it more accessible and convenient. With just a few clicks or taps, we can access a vast library of literature. However, there's something timeless and intimate about holding a physical book, flipping its pages, and smelling the scent of paper and ink.

1. What are some of the benefits of reading mentioned in the passage?

2. How does reading broaden our horizons and foster empathy?
3. What role does reading play in developing critical thinking and communication skills?
4. What are the advantages of reading physical books compared to digital formats?
5. How does reading enrich our lives and shape us as individuals, according to the passage?

Q. 2. Give short -responses to the following (Any 5) (10)

1. Nobody follows traffic signals anymore. We should not follow them too. Agree or Disagree with this statement with a valid reason.
2. Invite your friend over for the house warming party this Saturday.
3. Your friend needs help and is asking to borrow your laptop. How would you decline him politely.
4. You need to take a leave to attend your cousin sister's marriage. How would you ask your principal for permission?
5. Introduce yourself formally at an interview.
6. Give directions to a stranger you met in your college campus to reach Swargate.
7. You have forgotten your mobile at home and need to make an urgent call. How would you ask someone to borrow their mobile?

Q. 3. Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below. (10)

1. Your friend recently went to Manali for a trip. Write a dialogue between you and your friend discussing about the trip.
2. Write a dialogue between you and a shopkeeper about a book that you wish to buy which is not easily available in the market.

Q. 4. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

1. Write a letter to a close friend asking for their advice on which career path to choose after completing your degree.
2. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper discussing the importance of mental health awareness among college students.

Q. 5. Write an Essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics given below: (10)

1. Education should be given for free
2. Prevention is better than cure

Q. 6. Do as directed (10)

1. Use the correct form of adjective: Use the correct form of adjective

a) confused	b) more confused
c) most confused	d) none of these

2. Use the suitable adverb:

a) Happily	b) Busily
c) Slowly	d) Surely
3. Use the suitable conjunction: He returned empty handed _____ the tickets we sold out.

a) if	b) as
c) therefore	d) neither
4. Use the correct pronoun: Rob was unsure of how _____ would react.

a) us	b) they
c) our	d) me
5. Use the appropriate question tag: You were prepared for the competition, _____?

a) haven't you?	b) aren't you?
c) hadn't you?	d) weren't you?
6. Identify the type of sentence: What a great opportunity is this!

a) Affirmative	b) Exclamatory
c) Imperative	d) Interrogative
7. Use the correct form of tense: They _____ the entire house to their liking

a) will decorates	b) decorates
c) have decorated	d) will be decorated
8. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: Sensing the danger, the boys ran away.

a) noun	b) adverb
c) conjunction	d) adjective
9. 16. Use a collective noun: _____ of animals come to river to quench their thirst.

a) decks	b) herds
c) flights	d) packs
10. Select the correct meaning of the proverb: Birds of the same feather flock together.

a) People who think differently succeed in life	b) People who think alike come together naturally
c) One bird has many feathers	d) One bird can have many different feathers
