

General Instructions

The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A	: Reading and OTBA	20 marks
Section B	: Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	: Literature and Extended Reading Text	25 marks
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SECTION - A : READING AND OTBA

(20 marks)

(a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions /complete the sentences that follow : 5

The social fabric of the world we inhabit, has been divided and categorized under many different headings but the division on the basis of material wealth is the most glaring and common across all the nations.

It is a stark reality that the world can be divided into two slots — the haves and the have-nots and also that all affluent cities are surrounded by slums. Just as a coin has two sides, every city has two faces — the bright, the well-lit, the illuminated world of the rich and the dark, dingy, depressing world of the poor.

The poor people exist on the periphery, constantly yearning for the bright world and the rich are dependent on them to keep their world well scrubbed and spruced up.

This brings us to slums the alleged breeding grounds of the most of Delhi's problems. Over the years, the number of slums and unauthorized settlements has leapfrogged. There is hardly any residential colony in this city that is not hemmed in by them. Yet they too serve a purpose- they provide cheap labour and captive vote banks. The very people who turn up their noses at the dirt, disease and filth that festers in these areas, use these 'breeding grounds' as a pool for domestic servants that can be hired and fired at will and daily wage labourers who are grateful for any kind of employment. Isn't it about time we examined our own role and acknowledged our responsibility for the proliferation of these slums ?

- (i) The world can be divided into two slots _____ and _____. 5 × 1 = 5
- (ii) The poor people who exist on the periphery constantly yearn _____.
- (iii) Two faces of a city _____ and _____.
- (iv) What has leapfrogged over the years ?
- (v) What does the word 'grateful' mean ?

(b) Read the following passage carefully :

The tiny village of Ulapur was the postmaster's first posting. There was an indigo plantation nearby. The manager of the plantation, an Englishman, had, after a great deal of effort, managed to get a post office started there.

Our postmaster was from Kolkata. He felt like a fish out of water in this far-flung village. His office consisted of a tumbledown shack beside an algae-covered pond with tangled overgrowth on all sides. The plantation workers were busy all day.

Our postmaster, being city-bred, did not find it easy to mix with the village folk. He found a lot of time on his hands as there wasn't much work. He tried to spend some of it, writing poetry... poems which said how happy he would be if he could spend the rest of his days gazing at the trembling leaves and the passing clouds. But the truth was that, if a Jinn from the Arabian Nights were suddenly to descend there, remove all the trees in a single night, and set the place up with rows of houses that blocked out from view the clouds in the sky, it would have given our hero a new lease of life.

Answer the following questions briefly :

5 × 1 = 5

- (i) Where did the postmaster get his first posting?
- (ii) Which plantation was nearby?
- (iii) Describe his office.
- (iv) What did he do in his spare time?
- (v) Find the word for 'descend'.

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2. This question will be assessed through OTBA only.

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SECTION - B : WRITING & GRAMMAR

(25 marks)

3. "I always felt that my greatest asset was not my physical ability. It was my mental ability." — Bruce Jenner

Write an article in about 100-120 words on the importance of mental strength and determination besides physical abilities for a sports person. You may take ideas from the MCB unit 'Sports and Games'.

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Complete the story in your own words (150 - 200 words) :

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Every morning it was the same thing for Amit Sharma. He'd put on a pot of coffee and got dressed as he waited for the coffee to brew. But today, things would be different.....

Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph :

Isaac Newton was born (a)Woolsthorpe in Lincolnshire on Christmas Day in 1642. He was named (b) his father who (c)a few months before Isaac was born.

3 × 1 = 3

- (a) (i) in (ii) on (iii) at (iv) by
- (b) (i) by (ii) with (iii) behind (iv) after
- (c) (i) had died (ii) died (iii) dead (iv) was dead

In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word before and after against the correct blank number.

4 × 1 = 4

	Before	Omitted	After
The moment he switched the	(a) _____	_____	_____
television there a silence in	(b) _____	_____	_____
the room. We all looked each	(c) _____	_____	_____
other not knowing to react.	(d) _____	_____	_____

Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences.

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Raghav : I am going to watch the cricket match tomorrow. Would you like to join me?

Ramit : I would love to but I have to take my father's permission first.

Raghav : You must let me know by this evening because I have to arrange for the passes.

Ramit : I will do so.

Raghav informed Ramit (a)..... He asked Ramit if he would like to join him. Ramit replied (b).....permission first. Raghav told him (c).....for the passes. Ramit said that he would do so.

8. Read one of the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow : 1 × 3 = 3
- They caught me. I pleaded to them, I told them why I stole, but they laughed at me, and I was sentenced to ten years in the prison hulks, ten years in Hell.
- (a) Who is the speaker ?
 - (b) What had the speaker stolen and why ?
 - (c) What is meant by 'pleaded' ?

OR

The voice of thunder declares my arrival,
The rainbow announces my departure.
I am like earthly life which begins at
The feet of the mad elements and ends.
Under the upraised wings of death.

- (a) Who declares the arrival of the rain ?
 - (b) How does the poet compare the rain to the earthly life ?
 - (c) What is the antonym of 'departure' ?
9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : 4 × 2 = 8
- (a) Why did Persome tell the Bishop that soon they would have nothing left ?
 - (b) Explain the line : 'Tears from the endless heaven of memories' from the poem, 'The Song of the Rain'.
 - (c) "My father is a lineal descendant of belted earls" Jessie makes this remark believing that this fact was an obstacle in the fulfillment of her relationship with John A. Pescud. Why ?
 - (d) Why was the convict in the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' imprisoned ?
10. Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words : 4
- Marie's role in the play helps us to understand the Bishop's greatness and Persome's simplicity. Comment in 80-100 words.

OR

Harold Bramble is an ideal child prodigy to be accepted as a role model. Do you agree ? Why ? Reflect on the values of his character.

11. Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words : 10
- (a) Can the life led by the Houyhnhnms be described as ideal ? Give a reasoned answer.
- OR
- (b) Captain William Robinson, commander of the ship Hope-Well, had farsightedness. Prove citing examples from the text.
- OR
- (c) What difficulties do Jerome and Harris face while helping George in making the Irish stew ? How is the stew finally prepared ?
- OR
- (d) What impression of George do you form after reading the novel ? Support with examples.