

GYAN BHARATI SCHOOL, SAKET  
Second Terminal Examination (2024-25)  
Class: S2  
Subject: English Language & Literature (184)



Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions:

Maximum Marks: 80

- i. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
- ii. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- iii. Strictly adhere to the prescribed word limit.
- iv. This paper has 7 printed sides with a total of 10 questions.

SECTION A - READING

(20)

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

(10)

1. In the classroom, broadening your thinking can mean emphasising something called problem-based learning. In this approach, a teacher presents a problem or question with no clear or obvious solution. Students are then asked to think broadly about how to solve it.
2. Problem-based learning can help students think like scientists, Wallace says. He cites an example from his own classroom. Last fall, he had the students read about fruit flies that lack an enzyme - a molecule that speeds up chemical reactions - to break down alcohol. "I had seven groups of students, and got seven different ways to measure," he says. "That's what I would call creativity in a science class."
3. "Creativity means taking risks and not being afraid to make mistakes," adds Andrews. In fact, she and many educators agree, when something comes out differently than expected, it provides a learning experience. A good scientist would ask "Why?" she says, and "What's happening here?"
4. Talking with others and teamwork also help with associative thinking - allowing thoughts to wander and freely associating one thing with another - that DeHaan says, contributes to creativity. Working on a team, he says, introduces a concept called distributed reasoning. Sometimes called brainstorming. This type of reasoning is spread out and conducted by a group of people.
5. "When you talk about creativity in science, it's not about, have you done a nice drawing to explain something," she says. "It's about, what are we imagining together? What's possible, and how could we figure that out? That's what scientists do all the time."
6. Although using arts and crafts to represent ideas can be helpful, Smith says, it is not the same as recognizing the creativity inherent in science. "What we've been missing is that science itself is creative," she explains.
7. "It's a creativity of ideas and representations and finding things out, which is different from making a paper-mâché globe and painting it to represent the Earth," she says.
8. In the end, educators and scientists agree that anyone can learn how to think like a scientist. "Too often in school, students get the impression that science is for a specially gifted subspecies of humanity," Herschbach says. But he insists just the opposite is true.



9. "Scientists don't have to be so smart," he continues. "It's all there waiting for you if you work hard at it, and then you have a good chance of contributing to this great adventure of our species and understanding more about the world we live in."

(Adapted from the American Heritage Children's Science Dictionary)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

i. Why does the writer say that problem-based learning can 'broaden one's thinking'? (1)

- (a) It can lead to creative resolution of an issue at hand.
- (b) It can lead to people working in a pedantic manner.
- (c) It can lead to the expansion of the human brain literally.
- (d) It can lead to people working independently.

ii. What makes Herschbach debunk the popular misconception that scientists are more gifted than others? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. (2)

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)  
The author tries to establish a link and a point of similarity between problem-based learning and thinking like a scientist when he says that .....

iv. The passage includes some word-pairs that are closely related or similar to each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify sets that go against the essence of the passage. (1)

- (a) arts and crafts
- (b) ideas and representations
- (c) educators and scientists
- (d) distributed reasoning and brainstorming
- (e) scientists and gifted subspecies

v. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)  
DeHaan lays deep emphasis on the benefits of associative thinking in science and emphasises that its maximum benefits can be drawn out .....

vi. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, what disconnect or point of difference does the writer draw out between creativity in art and craft and creativity in science. (2)

vii. Which of these explanations DOES NOT relate to the concept of distributive reasoning? (1)  
(a) It is synonymous with brainstorming. (b) It is prevalent among the scientific community only.  
(c) It is a part of associative thinking. (d) It requires a team to conduct it successfully. (1)

viii. Fill in the blank with a suitable word/ words. (1)  
This great adventure of our species in Paragraph 9 refers to .....

II. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)  
1. Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?  
2. If your answer is yes, then you are "not a robot." Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way. But what happens when it's not? What happens when you fall despite all of your hard work? Do you



stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.

3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising, embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1,000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had been through were not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

4. Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that helps is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair, and frustration.

5. What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

[Adapted from [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/debbie-lyn-toomey/grit\\_b\\_12768724.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/debbie-lyn-toomey/grit_b_12768724.html)]

Q. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

i. According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human? (2)

ii. How is 'failing' an educational and empowering part of human life? (2)

iii. The reason why you are not a robot is that: (1)

- (a) You fail miserably at tasks      (b) Failure and success can affect your emotions  
(c) You work hard      (d) You have limitations

iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) - (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms:

- a) Agonising and Empowering      b) Mindfulness and Despair      c) Falling and Failing  
d) Hopelessness and Optimism      e) Grit and perseverance (1)

v. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for a successful and fulfilling life is explained using the example of Thomas Edison.

(1)

vi. In paragraph 3, the synonym of distressing is \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

vii. Which of the following sentences makes the correct use of "grit", as used in the passage?

(1)

- (a) Get rid of that grit in your shoes.      (b) She had a bit of grit in her eye.  
(c) The road had been covered with grit.      (d) Her grit never made her give up.

viii. Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'social intelligence' as implied in the passage:

- (a) Knowing others      (b) Knowing oneself and others (1)



(c) Knowing oneself

(d) Knowing one's surroundings

**SECTION B : (GRAMMAR)**

(10)  
(1x10 = 10)

III. Attempt the following as directed.

i. Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds.

ERROR	CORRECTION

ii. Rashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work. Report their dialogue.

Raashi: What is the most rewarding part of volunteering?

Ratul: Seeing the positive impact we can make in people's lives is the most rewarding part.

Raashi asked Ratul about the most rewarding part of volunteering. Ratul expressed that \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The internship at the tech startup had me \_\_\_\_\_ excited about the potential of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

- a. feeling    b. felt    c. to feel    d. Feels

iv. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option and complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair.

Our school \_\_\_\_\_ the first place in the regional science fair, last year.

- a. awarded    b. was awarded    c. had awarded    d. has been awarded

v. Report the dialogue between a Master and his student, Shailesh by completing the sentence:

Master : Well Shailesh, I hear you're taking part in the speaking competition.

Shailesh: Yes; and I came to ask you to give me some hints on the art of public speaking.

The master said to Shailesh that \_\_\_\_\_ taking part in the speaking competition. Shailesh confirmed that \_\_\_\_\_ for some hints on the art of public speaking.

vi. The people regarded him \_\_\_\_\_ impostor and called him \_\_\_\_\_ villain. (Insert correct articles).

vii. There are four alternatives for the given statement. Select the option which best describes the statement.

Tagore was a man of letters.

(a) of wide contents

(b) An excellent letter dictator

(c) A great writer of letters

(d) Proficient in literary art

viii. Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

This delightful recipe must keep your hunger pangs at bay with its balanced spices and oriental flavour.

ERROR	CORRECTION



ix. In which of these sentences is the action expected to happen before a particular time in the future:

1. I will visit Aunt Rose and cousin Sebastian in Paris this weekend.
2. My parents as well as my brother will have arrived at the venue by 7 pm.
3. We suggest that you take the shorter route to the hospital to reach earlier.
4. They would have to take the train if they do not reach the airport by 10 pm.

x. Raju makes the following statement:

If you are very hungry, you will eat a lot of food.

If Raju is not completely sure about his statement, he will change it to:

If you are very hungry, you \_\_\_\_\_ eat a lot of food.

### SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

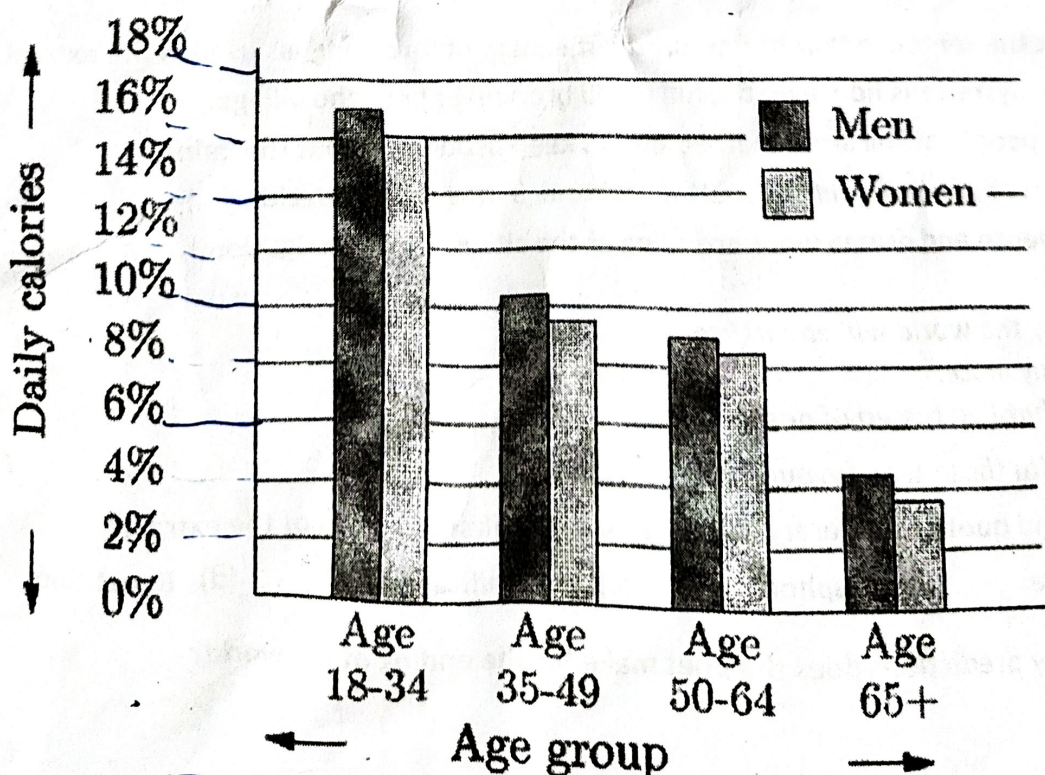
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IV. India is a highly populated country. People lack in maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene as a result they suffer from various diseases . India has a serious sanitation challenge; around 60 per cent of the world's open defecation takes place in India. Poor sanitation causes health hazards including diarrhoea, particularly in children under 5 years of age, malnutrition and deficiencies in physical development and cognitive ability.

You are Nitish /Nikita, Head boy/ girl of Anand Public School, Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, highlighting the problem and suggesting practical ways to ensure public sanitation and the right to dignity and privacy . (100-120 words) (5)

V. The graph below shows fast food consumption among men and women in 2021. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. (5)

Average Percentage of Daily Calories from Fast Food: 2021





**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

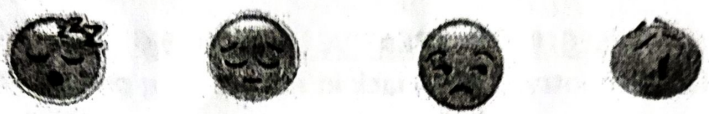
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**VI. Reference to the Context**

A. "Paper has more patience than people" I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference."  
(1x5 = 5)

- i. Discuss the implication of the statement, 'Paper has more patience than people.'
- ii. Pick out the emoticon which clearly brings out the meaning of 'listless' as used in the extract?



- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
- (a) Option (i) (b) Option (ii) (c) Option (iii) (d) Option (iv)

iii. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in the extract:  
*Anne doesn't plan to let anyone else read her diary.*

iv. If the diary were a 'real friend', what qualities would Anne expect it to have?  
Pick the option that lists these correctly.

- 1. optimistic                      2. good listener                      3. confidant
- 4. energetic                      5. non-judgemental                      6. outgoing                      7. ambitious
- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 5, 6 and 7                      (c) 2, 3 and 5                      (d) 3 and 7

v. Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'brooding' as used in the extract?

- (a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village.
- (b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.
- (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.
- (d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.

B. *Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.*

(1x5 = 5)

- i. Identify and quote the literary device used in the first two lines of the extract?  
(a) Simile                      (b) Anaphora                      (c) Personification                      (d) Repetition
- ii. How many predictions does the poet make for the ending of the world?



ii. What does 'Fire' symbolise according to the poet? Choose the correct option that lists these correctly.

(a) desire (b) hatred (c) greed (d) apathy (e) passion (f) indifference

1. (a), (d) and (f) 2. (a), (c) and (e) 3. (b), (d) and (f) 4. (a), (b) and (c)

iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

*People think that the world is a beautiful place to live in.*

v. What is the poet's opinion about the world?

- (a) The poet feels that a man should fulfil all his desires.
- (b) He thinks that we should control our growing desires.
- (c) He feels that we should live life to the fullest.
- (d) He says that one should live the life of an ascetic.

VII Answer the following in about 40-50 words each.

(4 x 3 = 12)

- i. What role do the 'breaking glass' and the 'moon' play in the poem, 'The Trees'.
- ii. "Difficulties do come in our lives, but they are not there to stay forever." Comment on this statement with reference to the poems 'Fog' and 'Dust of Snow'.
- iii. Discuss the significance of the protagonist's decision to trust the black aeroplane.
- iv. The Ball Poem initially appears simple but it is actually quite impactful and intense. Comment upon the theme of The Ball Poem.

VIII Answer the following in about 40-50 words each.

(2 x 3 = 6)

- i. Why did Ramlal agree to accept Bishamber as husband for Bholi?
- ii. 'If the theory proves correct, it will be a big step towards understanding the processes of life.' What is the theory and why is it considered to be a big step?

IX. Answer the following in about 100-120 words.

(6)

"Every creature on this Earth is identified with their distinct trait and if they are kept away from it they tend to languish...". If you had to use the message of the given quote based on A Tiger in the Zoo to understand the state of the Otter, as it enjoys being close to water (Mijbil, the Otter), how would you elaborate it? Also, how is it agonising for the Tiger in the cage to accept its condition.

X. Answer the following in about 100-120 words.

(6)

Not to accept the limitations of our life makes us unhappy. Describe how Matilda Loisel suffers in her life because she does not accept that she is not a rich person.

\*\*\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*