

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper is divided into three parts A, B and C.
- All the questions are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A- READING

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)

They are your sons and daughters. They populate your neighbourhoods. Their two-way conversations are composed entirely of over-punctuated and under-constructed sentences. They may even work for you. Eventually, you may work for them. This is Gen Z, and they have never known a world without the internet, smartphones or iPods. Barring an unforeseen zombie outbreak, the world will be theirs to run one day. So, what are we in for?

They have lived their entire life with instant access to mountains of data and never known the frustration or sheer physical effort of struggling to find information. Instead of having a single face-to-face or phone conversation that may cover a multitude of topics over several minutes, they communicate through texting, in spurts of shorter, but more frequent, bursts of information. Want to know the lead guitarist in an album? Google it. Forgot the syllabus for the exam tomorrow? Text a classmate. They need information now, and they have the tools to get it.

But they're also living in an extremely volatile world - for their entire lives, they've heard about the dangers of global warming, been subjected to terror alerts and watched their parents weather the recent economic crisis. As a result, they're growing up fast and developing sensitivities beyond their years.

They have a sense of social justice, philanthropy and maturity that comes with growing up during one of the most severe economic recessions in history. They see themselves as the solution to these problems and, as a result, are more likely to pursue careers they think will help society. And because of their ubiquitous use of social networking, they're quick to jump in and help when their circle of contacts alerts them to a need.

Educators are on the front lines of the Gen Z migration into adolescence, and they recognize that this group is different. One of the challenges the constant flow of information presents is that when tasked with solving a problem, today's students look for quick answers rather than work toward solving the problem on their own. Their instinct is to pursue speed instead of accuracy. At home, Gen Z is being raised by statistically older parents, quite a few of them likely to be divorced and work outside the home - an absenteeism made worse by overindulgence. There is an overriding desire of Gen Y to raise children with high self-esteem, even if that means never correcting them or challenging them to achieve something beyond their reach. The combination of independence gained from powerful, mobile technology, and a constant sense of affirmation by parents has produced a sense of

- (ii) Gen Z will embrace technology and data to create a more humanitarian world.
- (iii) The author is disillusioned by the world in its present state and blames Gen Y for it
- (iv) Despite reduced spoken interaction, Gen Z is capable of strong, empathetic relationships

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

8. Which of these CANNOT be described as a double-edged sword? (1)

(a) Global warming. (b) Demonetization  
(c) Social media. (d) Antibiotics

9. The word 'ubiquitous' (para 4) means (1)

(a) Omnipotent. (c) Omnivore  
(b) Omnipresent. (d) Omnibus

10. Do you think the assessment of the author is realistic? Give a reasoned answer. (1)

**II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

1. Medical tourism is a growing global phenomenon, where individuals embark on international journeys to access healthcare services while enjoying the added benefit of a vacation. The global medical tourism sector, a thriving multi-billion-dollar industry, is experiencing consistent growth, driven by the expanding globalization of healthcare services. Starting with people from less-developed countries going to developed countries to get treatments that aren't available in their own country, it is now also preferred by people travelling from richer to less-developed countries to access health services at a cheaper price.

2. India is fast becoming a major hub of medical tourism in the world. Apart from the obvious reason that medical costs in India are significantly cheaper compared to a lot of other South East Asian countries, Europe and the US, there is quality medical care and aftercare available in India, along with reduced waiting times for follow-ups, which can be only a few days compared to a few months in their home country. Many doctors in foreign countries are much more specialized in a specific field, instead of having a wider scope of practice, who then tend to focus on a few types of surgeries and perfect them and harassed patients have to hop from one doctor to another, especially in the initial stages. India is also a popular destination for alternative medicine like Ayurveda and naturopathy, which is not only a preferred means of treatment for some but also added benefits during after care.

3. While medical tourism has gained popularity for its potential benefits, there are important things one must consider before opting for it. Many insurance companies don't cover outside of their specific country, travel risks and complications may happen, and the cost of traveling is also a big one as plane tickets are getting increasingly expensive by the day. Besides, many surgeries require follow-up appointments that can range from a week to a month after the original surgery. This may significantly increase the total cost incurred.

4. Despite potential drawbacks such as language barriers, travel risks, and insurance limitations, the advantages, including cost savings and life-changing experiences, often outweigh these concerns. In today's world, an emerging trend in healthcare is offering individuals unique opportunities beyond their home borders and may be the best option for many. As the world continues to witness the globalization of healthcare, medical tourism is poised to remain a viable and attractive option for individuals seeking quality medical care with a stress-free recovery experience.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:**

1. Which of these makes India an exclusive destination for medical tourism? (1)  
(a) Quality medical care (b) Alternative medicine  
(c) Cheaper costs (d) Good aftercare
2. Medical tourism means (1)  
(a) Being given good health care as a foreign tourist  
(b) A travel package including hospital care and tourist spots in a foreign country  
(c) Travelling to exotic/ tourist destinations for medical treatment  
(d) Travelling for medical treatment to other countries
3. The global medical tourism sector is experiencing consistent growth because of----- (1)  
(a) Increase in the number of sick people today  
(b) More people being able to afford international medical treatments  
(c) Expanding globalisation of healthcare services  
(d) Shortage of good doctors and healthcare staff in their own country post-Covid
4. Which of these sectors are not likely to be benefitted by the growth of medical tourism? (1)  
(a) Hospitality sector  
(b) Pharma sector  
(c) Education sector  
(d) Tourism sector
5. Which of these options could be described as a hidden cost for people coming to India for treatment? (1)  
(a) Prolonged treatment. (b) Food and lodging  
(c) Transportation (d) Medical complications
6. What global reforms in the medical insurance sector can, according to you, create ease of treatment for international patients in India or elsewhere in the world? (1)
7. Which government body in India holds the key to generate foreign revenue from alternative medicine and yoga by promoting it and making it an international brand? (1)
8. How has the focus of doctors abroad to specialized surgeries adversely affected the medical sector back home in some developed countries? (1)
9. What are the considerations one needs to weigh when deciding to get medical treatment broad? (1)
10. How has the medical tourism industry changed in India over the years? (1)

## SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS

III. You are Kamel, the president of Residents Welfare Association (RWA), Royal apartments. The water supply in your society will be cut off for a day for a few hours due to routine maintenance work and cleaning of the underground tank. Write a notice for the residents, informing them about this. Invent all necessary details. (4 Marks)

IV. You are Anand, Sports Secretary of Horizon Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to the famous cricket icon MS Dhoni, inviting him as chief guest on your Annual Sports Day. (4 marks)

V. You recently came across this advertisement in the newspaper. (5 marks)

### SITUATION VACANT

A leading restaurant chain is looking for a manager for its bakery outlet in South Delhi, well qualified with 4-5 years' experience as manager or supervisor, good communication skills, strong guest interaction and staff management skills, good salary and perks, apply with complete biodata to manager@nikbakers.com or contact 98xxxxxxx. Respond to the advertisement with complete biodata. You are Shivam of 78/4 Saket, New Delhi.

VI. Write an article, in not more than 150 words, on the importance of Mental Health Awareness in schools.. You are Shaurya (5 marks)

## SECTION C – LITERATURE

VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (1x6=6)

*Perhaps the Earth can teach us  
as when everything seems dead  
and later proves to be alive.  
Now I'll count up to twelve  
and you keep quiet and I will go*

1. What lesson can the earth teach us?

- (a) Productivity is best nurtured in silence
- (b) We must have no truck with death
- (c) Wars only result in victory with no survivors
- (d) Like nature, we need to give ourselves time to rejuvenate

2. How will we learn this lesson?

- (a) By counting till twelve
- (b) By keeping quiet and still
- (c) By stopping all destructive activities
- (d) By introspecting from time to time

3. Why do we need to learn this lesson?

- (a) Our restless activities are destroying everything
- (b) We are not happy
- (c) We do not introspect
- (d) We are single-minded about keeping our lives moving

4. What will counting till twelve achieve?
5. Why does the poet want to leave after counting till twelve?
6. What phenomenon/ aspect of nature is being referred to in the line 'when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive'?

**VIII. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4 marks)**

Louisa was pretty worried when I told her all this and didn't want me to look for the third level any more, and after a while, I stopped; I went back to my stamps. But now we're both looking, every weekend because now we have proof that the third level is still there.

1. What had Charley told Louisa?
  - (a) He had bought old-style currency with all his savings
  - (b) He has often tried looking for the third-level
  - (c) Sam told him he was unhappy
  - (d) The Grand Central Station is growing like a tree
2. Louisa did not want him to look for the third level because
  - (a) It was a wild goose chase
  - (b) It was like finding a needle in a haystack
  - (c) It was not worth the trouble
  - (d) He was following a utopian dream
3. Complete the sentence given below:  
The proof that has led them both to search for the third level is-----
4. Which of these options best describe the relationship between these two sentences:  
Statement 1: Now we're both looking, every weekend  
Statement 2: Now we have proof that the third level is still there
  - (a) Cause and effect
  - (b) Description of a fact
  - (c) Stating two unrelated facts
  - (d) Consequence of an action

**IX. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x6=6 marks)**

"Why not organise yourselves into a cooperative?" I ask a group of young men who have fallen into the vicious circle of middlemen who trapped their fathers and forefathers. "Even if we get organised, we are the ones who will be hauled up by the police, beaten and dragged to jail for doing something illegal," they say. There is no leader among them, no one who could help them see things differently. Their fathers are as tired as they are.

1. What do you know about the condition of the young men from the information given in the extract?
2. How will organising themselves into a cooperative affect them?
3. Which of the following statements can you infer from the text?
  - (a) The young men have perhaps tried to organise themselves into a cooperative in the past
  - (b) The young men are aware of the law

- (c) It is illegal to form cooperatives in Firozabad
- (d) The police in Firozabad do their duty with honesty

4. There is no leader among them because-----

5. Which of these options could be an example of a 'vicious circle'?
- (a) Learning mindset, recycling
  - (b) Following dieting trends, weight gain
  - (c) Sleep deprivation, accumulating things
  - (d) Organic products, overspending

6. The author advice to the young men shows that she is-----

**X. Answer ANY FIVE of the six questions in about 40-50 words:**

(2x5=10 marks)

1. Mention any two things that Franz had earlier found strange but could now make sense of, after M Hamel's announcement that it was their last lesson.
2. Give two instances from Lost Spring to show that the people of Firozabad are ignorant of the law and their rights.
3. But I was not finished. Why did Douglas feel that his journey of overcoming his fear was not over yet?
4. Both the crofter's and the ironmaster's charity, unlike Edla's was directed towards their own selves. Explain.
5. How does Keats define a thing of beauty?
6. How does the poet describe her mother? ( My Mother At Sixty Six)

**XI. Answer ANY TWO of the three questions in about 40-50 words:**

(2x2=4 marks)

1. 'Sam is a city boy.....' Describe Sam's fascination with Galesburg in 1894 in light of this statement.
2. Write a brief character sketch of Diwan. ( The Tiger King)
3. According to the author, what is the significance of microscopic phytoplankton?

**XII. Answer the question in about 120-150 words:**

(5 marks)

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**Pablo Neruda, Keeping Quiet**

Both Keats and Neruda talk about the need for a harmonious and sustainable relationship with nature. Discuss.

**XIII. Answer the question in about 120-150 words:**

(5 marks)

The Tiger King is an accurate description of how people handle the fear and frustration resulting from the conceit of those in power. Explain with examples from the text.