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This question paper contains 11 questions and is divided into three sections.

**Section A: Reading 20 Marks
Section B: Writing & Grammar: 20 Marks
Section c: Literature 40 Marks**

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 Marks)

Technology is making advancements at a rapid rate but at the cost of a valued tradition - the crafts industry. The traditional crafts industry is losing a lot of its trained and skilled craftsmen. With that, the art of embellishing brass and copper utensils with fine engravings is also disappearing. The government has identified around 35 crafts as languishing craft.

The speciality of handcrafted items is its design, an association with long traditions belonging to a specific region. The word 'handcrafted' does not imply the involvement of dexterous human fingers or an agile mind with a moving spirit anymore. Lessening drudgery, increasing production and promoting efficiency have taken precedence. The labour-saving devices are taking the place of handcrafted tools and this has jeopardized the skills of these artisans.

Mechanisation has made its way into everything - cutting, polishing, edging, designing etc. Ideally, the use of machinery should be negligible and the handicrafts should be made purely by hand with a distinguishable artistic appeal. However, with the exception of small-scale industries, the export units are mostly operated by machines. The heavily computerized designs contribute to a faster production at lower costs.

Although mechanization of crafts poses a challenge to safeguarding traditional crafts, the artisans are lured with incentives in order to impact handicrafts training. Some makers do see machines as a time-saving blessing since they are now able to accomplish difficult and demanding tasks with relative ease. These machines might give a better finesse to these products but they don't stand out as handcrafted. Quantity has overtaken quality in this industry.

A need to highlight the importance of the handmade aspect is required by both the government and private sectors, in order to amplify awareness and also support the culture of making handicrafts. A few artisans are still trying their best to rejuvenate and revive their culture and heritage but it's an uphill task competing with the machine-made goods. A multitude of artisans have changed their professions and are encouraging their progeny to follow suit. There are others who have stayed their ground but are clearly inclined towards buying machines.

Nearly two decades ago, there were around 65 lakh artisans in the country. Three years ago, when the government started the process of granting a unique number to the artisans based on the Aadhaar card, 25 lakhs were identified. Loss of traditional crafts is clearly a worrying issue, but it stands to reason that forcing any artisan to follow old ways when concerns of livelihood overrule other considerations, is unfair.

- ✓ 1. What does the writer mean by calling handicrafts a "valued tradition"?
 - (a) It showcases talents associated with artisans 'lifestyle'.
 - (b) It represents our rich artistic culture.
 - (c) It is very costly.
 - (d) Both (a) and (b) are correct.
- ✓ 2. What does the phrase 'failing to make progress' mean?
 - (a) To make progress
 - (b) Languishing
 - (c) Succeeding
 - (d) None of the above
- ✓ 3. Why are artisans choosing to work via machines rather than handcrafted tools?
 - (a) Because it saves labour.
 - (b) Because the artisans are lazy.
 - (c) Because it increases production and efficiency
 - (d) Both (a) and (c) are correct.
- ✓ 4. The artisans need to be "lured with incentives' to impart training because
 - (a) They run the risk of losing their traditional livelihood to them.
 - (b) Need to be tempted.
 - (c) They are few in number.
 - (d) They work wholeheartedly.
- ✓ 5. The impact of the support of government and private sectors towards the culture of making handicraft has resulted in _____.
 - (a) More artisans to be incentivized to continue their tradition.
 - (b) Creation of awareness and public support.
 - (c) Artisans wouldn't change their professions seeking better livelihood.
 - (d) All the above are correct.
- ✓ 6. What argument does the writer give to justify the artisan's act of abandoning his/her traditional craft for a more lucrative option?

- (a) That the artisan cannot be expected to continue their profession if it is not profitable.
 - (b) That continuation is very difficult.
 - (c). That the loss is perturbing.
 - (d). All the above are correct.
- ✓ 7. What is the benefit of heavily computerized designs?
- (a) It contributes to a faster production.
 - (b) The production is at lower costs.
 - (c) The designs are outdated.
 - (d) Both (a) and (b) are correct.
- ✓ 8. Find a word from the above passage which means the same as skilled/ adept.
- ✓ 9. What has jeopardized the skills of the artisans and why?
- ✓ 10. The synonym of rejuvenate is _____
- (a) Vigour
 - (b) Culture
 - (c) Revitalize
 - (d) Art

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow (10 Marks)

1. Data released by India's food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% of samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-conforming to prescribed standards. While agency officials maintain that Food Safety Officers in each state regularly test samples to check for compliance and also take recourse in cases of violations according to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, experts claim that poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness plague the process.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. "Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration," he added.

5 Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. "The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules," he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.

6. In 2017, the Law Commission issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months in jail term.

7. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, also wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.

On the basis of the understanding of the passage above answer the following questions-

i. Complete the following sentence.

IPC 272 and 273 amendments were added to _____.

ii. Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence.

..... allows the penalised to continue their business.

iii. Explain why penalising adulteration in India is challenging in about 40 words. (2)

iv. What did the data revealed by FSSAI show?

v. Substitute the word 'punishing' with ONE WORD similar in 'meaning, in the following, sentence from Paragraph 4-

The lengthy procedure involved in punishing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business.

vi. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders.

- (a) Life imprisonment
- (b) Public shaming
- (c) Sentence of 6 months
- (d) Both (a) and (c)

vii. Which samples were tasted by FSSAI and why? Also, what did the data suggest? (2)

- viii. Which of the following recommendations were made by the law commission regarding the issue?
- (a) Minimum sentence should be six months' jail term.
 - (b) Depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment.
 - (c) Adulteration became a serious crime.
 - (d) All of the above

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. Attempt any TEN of the following questions.

(1x10)

- i) Neither John nor Carmen _____ available.
 (a) is (b) were (c) are (d) have been
- ii) Fill in the blank given below by choosing the correct option:
 She had already begun eating her dinner by the time I _____ there.
 a) reached
 b) Had been reaching
 c) had reached
 d) was reaching
- iii) Raj has fractured his arm, still he _____ write well.
 a) may
 b) should
 c) can
 d) would
- iv) Sushila shared some information with Uma about a visit to a zoo. Report Uma's question.
 Did you see the Royal Bengal Tiger?
- v) Identify the error in the given line and supply the suitable correction for it.
 A little political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

Error	Correction

- vi) Read the conversation given below carefully and then fill in the blanks
Meena: Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?
Neha: That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.
 Meena asked Neha _____. Neha replied that that was a lovely thought but she did not want anything.

✓ vii) Fill in the given blank with suitable option.
Harish sent his story to _____ magazines for publishing.

- a) much
- b) any
- c) many
- d) no.

✓ viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
My writing is better than those of my friend.

✓ ix) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
The boys _____ to my lecture since 8 o'clock this morning.

- a) were listening
- b) have been listening
- c) had been listening
- d) none of these

✓ x) Identify the error and supply the correction.
Parents seems to be the most reliable people in the world for a child.

Error	Correction

✓ xi) Transform the following direct speech into reported speech-
Seema said to Meenal, " Do not open the door to strangers."

✓ Q4. Attempt any ONE from (A) and (B) given below:

5 Marks

✓ (A) Today while going to your school you happened to get caught in a massive traffic jam due to a VIP movement. You also saw that an ambulance with a critical patient was also halted. Write a **diary entry** in 120 words expressing your feelings.

OR

(B) Ramesh, a student of ABC Public School, went on trekking during his NCC camp in Himachal Pradesh. Using these notes, write a brief description for Ramesh about his trekking experience in about 100-120 words.

Base camp at Raison in Manikaran hot water springs-trekking from Raison to Jana-virgin greenery. Beas river bank-walk thrilling-reached Pinni via Bringta bridge-water tumultuous and horrifying-crossed dense forests and hills-a ghost like

place-required a rare courage to cross-saw rare birds-nature in full glory-fascinating-reached Manikaran Hot Springs-rare scenes still fresh-

✓ Q5.A) Complete the story by using the given opening line in about 120-140 words. Give a suitable title to the story.

5 Marks

Hari drove fast. He was already late for the office. He had got up late and it was his first day of work.....

OR

✓ B) Write a story in about (100 to 120) words based on the inputs given below:
It was late at night. Anjali was about to switch off the light and go to bed when she saw a light outside the window. On close observation she realized that it was a fire

SECTION C - LITERATURE

Q6. Reference to context.

Attempt any one of the two extracts given:-

(5 marks)

A. *One day, he invited me to his home for a meal. His wife was horrified at the idea of a Muslim boy being invited to dine in her ritually pure kitchen. She refused to serve me in her kitchen. Sivasubramania Iyer was not perturbed, nor did he get angry with his wife, but instead, served me with his own hands and sat down beside me to eat his meal. His wife watched us from behind the kitchen door. I wondered whether she had observed any difference in the way I ate rice, drank water or cleaned the floor after the meal. When I was leaving his house, Sivasubramania Iyer invited me to join him for dinner again the next weekend. Observing my hesitation, he told me not to get upset, saying, "Once you decide to change the system, such problems have to be confronted."*

✓ (i) Sivasubramania Iyer's wife was very upset on inviting someone to her house who was a

- a) Hindu
- b) Muslim
- c) Christian
- d) Sikh

✓ (ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

- ✓ 1. Aravindan invited Kalam to his home for a meal.
- 2. Iyer's wife was horrified to see Kalam.
- 3. Iyer himself served Kalam.
- ✓ 4. Iyer was very angry with his wife.

5. Iyer's wife watched them having dinner from behind the kitchen door.
6. Sivasubramania Iyer again invited Kalam to his home next weekend.
7. Iyer's wife thoroughly cleaned the kitchen after the meal.
 - a) 2, 3, 4
 - b) 5, 6, 7
 - c) 1, 4, 7
 - d) 2, 3, 6

(iii) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students

<p>1. Oh, come on! We know that Sivasubramania Iyer is a liberal person</p>	<p>2. I feel that Iyer's wife wanted to see if I eat or drink in a different manner</p>	<p>3. Let's not forget that problems will creep in if we try to change the system.</p>	<p>4. I think Iyer's wife will object on serving food to Kalam</p>
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below.

- a) F-1, 3 and O- 2, 4
- b) F-3, 4 and O- 1, 2
- c) F-2, 4 and O- 1, 3
- d) F-3 and O- 1, 2, 4

(iv) Which word does 'perturbed' NOT correspond to?

- a) worried
- b) disturbed
- c) concerned
- d) troubled

(v) Sivasubramania Iyer again invited Kalam over dinner?

- a) the next weekend
- b) the next week
- c) the next year
- d) the next month

OR

B. The child turned his nose away from the basket and reiterated his sob, "I want my mother, I want my father!"

Thinking to humour his disconsolate charge by a gift of sweets, the man took him to the counter of the sweet shop. "What sweets would you like child?" he asked. The child turned

his face from the sweet shop and only sobbed, "I want my mother, I want my father!"

i) What was most significant for the child?

ii) The synonym for 'reiterated' _____.

- a) Intensified
- b) Repeated
- c) Initiated
- d) Caused

iii) Why did the man take the child to the flower vendor?

iv) Here the expression 'disconsolate charge' refers to _____.

v) Choose the correct statement:

- a) The kind man succeeded in consoling the child.
- b) The child found some solace on meeting the concerned stranger.
- c) All the pleasures of life seemed petty to the child in comparison to his parents.
- d) None of the above.

Q7. Attempt any one of the two extracts given:-

(5 marks)

Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow:

A. You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

*Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,
crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,
crumbling hearts —*

the wind god winnows and crushes them all.

He won't do what you tell him.

(i) Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet towards the wind.

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| 1. anger | 2. pity | 3. disdain | 4. sympathy |
| 5. humility | 6. gratitude | 7. veneration | |

- a) 1, 3 and 7
- b) 2, 4 and 6
- c) 1 and 3
- d) 5 and 7

(ii) 'Poking fun at weaklings' means _____.

(iii) Name the figure of speech used in the second, third and fourth line of the stanza and why?

(iv) The extract expresses _____.

(v) Choose the option that DOES NOT use the word 'frail' correctly.

- a) The illness has lasted too long and he has become too frail.
- b) Due to the frail stems, the plants could not survive the hailstorm.
- c) Mayank is too frail to climb up the stairs.
- d) The fire rendered the building very frail.

OR

B. *I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

- i) 'I' in the above line refers to _____.
- ii) The lyric is an expression for _____.
- iii) What poetic device has been used in the line, 'Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee'?
- iv) The poet is fond of _____.
 - a) a luxurious life
 - b) a simple peaceful life in the lap of nature
 - c) a life which one can only dream of
 - d) a plentiful and abundant life
- v) From where does the poet plan to 'arise and go' and why?

Q8. Answer any Four of the following in about 40-50 words each :- (4x3=12 marks)

i) Describe Maria Sharapova's rapid ascent to the number one position in tennis. What do you learn from her life?

ii) The author finds the streets in Kathmandu 'vivid, mercenary and religious'. Comment.

iii) The Bible says, "For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself." Explain this quote in the context of the realisations that the narrator had after the encounter with the snake.

iv) The poem is an extended metaphor. Discuss the symbolism of the "two roads" in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'.

v) The poet has personified the tree in the poem, 'On Killing a Tree'. Give two examples.

vi) How does William Wordsworth reconcile himself with the death of his loved one?

Q9. Answer any two of the following in about 40-50 words each :- (2x3=6 marks)

✓ i) Why did Mahendra enjoy listening to Ishwaran's story, even if they were not credible?

✓ ii) Describe the role of Sue in saving her friend's life.

✓ iii) What did the author's schoolmates do to help the author in the chapter, 'A House is not a Home'?

Q10. Answer any one of the following in about 100-120 words :- (6 Marks)

✓ A) Imagine you are Gerrad. Tell your friend what happened when the intruder broke into your house. Do you agree that crime cannot escape the law.

OR

✓ B) What is the theme of the poem, 'No Men Are Foreign'?

Q11. Answer any one of the following in about 100-120 words :- (6 Marks)

✓ A) Bad habits ruin a person. Lushkoff turned to begging because of his drinking habit. How does this habit ruin him? What lesson do you learn from his life?

OR

B) Men melted down the statue, yet the Angel proclaimed it as one of the most precious things in the city. Comment on the divergent viewpoints of the Angels and humans with reference to the story, 'The Happy Prince'?

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