

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

1	<p>Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) with a suitable title (1 mark).</p> <p>Ghost nets aren't supernatural, but they are legitimately scary. A ghost net is fishing net that's been lost or abandoned in the ocean. They are one particularly appalling part of the global ghost fishing problem, which includes fishing gear abandoned in the water. Any net or line left in the ocean can pose a threat to marine life. Just because a net is no longer used by fishers doesn't mean it stops working. These nets continue to trap everything in their path, presenting a major problem for the health of our oceans and marine life.</p> <p>Ghost nets entangle sea turtles, dolphins and porpoises, birds, sharks, seals and more, apart from catching fish. The nets keep animals from moving freely, cause injuries and keep mammals and birds from rising to the surface for air. Since hundreds of animals can be caught in a single net, this threat is monumental. The ghost nets harm coral reefs too—breaking corals, exposing them to disease and even blocking the reefs from needed sunlight.</p> <p>Ghost nets are also a major contributor to the ocean plastics' crisis. Most modern nets are made of nylon or other plastic compounds that can last for centuries. According to a 2018 study in Scientific Reports, Ghost nets make up at least 46 percent of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Those abandoned fishing lines and nets that do breakdown never go away; they just become smaller pieces of plastic. Marine animals mistake this micro plastic for food and eat it, which can harm internal organs, keep them from eating and expose them to toxic chemicals.</p> <p>Exorcising ghost nets from our oceans will require commitment, cooperation and innovation. Many groups are working to remove Ghost nets from the sea and are collaborating with local fishers and governments around the world to identify target areas and remove as many nets as possible. In 2015, a single World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)-led mission in the Baltic Sea hauled up 268 tons of nets, ropes and other material.</p> <p>To stop these nets from becoming ghosts in the first place, conservation organisations advocate for fishing gear that can be traced to its owner so anyone dumping nets can be fined and refundable deposits on nets to encourage returning or recycling rather than littering. Tools like sonar reflectors that can make Ghost nets easier to find and working with small-scale fisheries to develop more sustainable fishing gear and practices are other suggestions. It is only by attacking this problem from all sides,</p>	10 Marks
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	together with conservation partners, fishers and supporters, we can banish Ghost nets and protect our oceans.	
2	<p>Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>Arthur lay in his cabin, still trying to piece together the events of the last few hours. He had watched his home planet of Earth be demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass, been saved by his friend Ford, and then whisked away on a ship that was powered by an "infinite improbability drive."</p> <p>It was all too much for him.</p> <p>Just then, Ford stuck his head around the door.</p> <p>"Hey, Earthman," he said, "come and have a look at this."</p> <p>Arthur stumbled after him down a corridor and into the ship's control room. He gazed in amazement at the banks of controls and flashing lights. In the centre of the room was a large console covered in buttons and switches, and in the middle of the console was a small, white mouse.</p> <p>"What's that?" asked Arthur.</p> <p>"That's the ship's computer," said Ford.</p> <p>Arthur stared at the mouse. "That's a computer?" he said.</p> <p>"Yup," said Ford. "Five-dimensional, biologically-based, super intelligent, and in the form of a white lab mouse. Pretty neat, huh?"</p> <p>"I don't know," said Arthur. "I don't think I really understand anything anymore. Why is a mouse the ship's computer?"</p> <p>"It's a long story," said Ford. "But the short version is that the mice built the Earth as a giant computer to figure out the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything. Then they ran out of money and had to destroy it to make way for a hyperspace bypass. So now they're using the Heart of Gold to finish the calculation."</p> <p>Arthur was about to say something, but at that moment the ship's intercom crackled to life.</p> <p>"Good evening, Heart of Gold," said a smooth, computerized voice. "This is Eddie, your shipboard computer. I'm feeling a bit depressed today. Would you like me to sing you a song?"</p> <p>"Oh, not again," groaned Ford.</p> <p>"Eddie, would you mind shutting up?" said Arthur.</p> <p>Arthur sighed and leaned back against the console, trying to make sense of everything. But as he closed his eyes, he heard a voice inside his head.</p> <p>"Hello?" it said.</p> <p>Arthur jumped, startled. "Who's there?" he said.</p> <p>"It's me," said the voice. "Marvin."</p> <p>"Marvin?" said Arthur. "Who's Marvin?"</p> <p>"The Paranoid Android," said the voice.</p> <p>Arthur looked around, but he didn't see anyone. "Where are you?" he said.</p> <p>"I'm down here," said the voice.</p>	<p>1x10= 10 Marks</p>

Arthur looked down and saw a small, metal figure shuffling across the floor. It was about three feet tall; with a round head and a body that looked like it had been cobbled together from spare parts. Its eyes were a dull red, and its voice was a monotone.

"I've been waiting for someone to talk to me for over two million years," said Marvin.

1. Select the option that classifies Arthur's confusion about drastic events such as the destruction of his home planet and the introduction of new technologies, correctly.

- A. Routine and boredom
- B. Adventure and excitement
- C. Loss and change
- D. Calm and relaxation

2. What is the significance of the white lab mouse in the control room of the Heart of Gold spaceship?

- A. It is the captain of the ship
- B. It serves as the ship's computer
- C. It is a pet of the crew
- D. It is used for scientific experiments

3. Complete the sentence appropriately with a characteristic or its description.

Based on the information given in the excerpt, one can infer that the mice who built the Earth are_____.

4. Select the option that is similar in meaning to Ford's expression, "Pretty neat, huh?"

- A. Easy, isn't it?
- B. Could be worse, no?
- C. Impressive, yes?
- D. Too difficult for you?

5. Which phrasal verb in the passage is synonymous with 'pieced together'?

6. Arthur hears his own voice in his mind? (true/false)

7. Which word in the passage is an antonym of 'modulated'?

- A. paranoid
- B. small
- C. monotone
- D. intelligent

8. 'Five-dimensional, biologically-based, super intelligent' is used to describe_____.

9. What was Marvin made of?

10. Why did the mice have to destroy the world?

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

3 Your institute, Health Care Hospital, has decided to organise an organ

4 Marks

	<p>donation camp to create awareness about the cause. Draft a poster giving all the necessary details (30-50 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>As General Manager, Silver Software Solutions, Kishtwar, you need a software engineer for your organisation. Draft an advertisement for the 'Situations Vacant' column of a newspaper stating your requirements regarding age, qualifications, experience and salary offered (30-50 words).</p>	
4	<p>A 72-year-old municipal councillor of your area passed away recently. As she had desired, her body was donated to Government Medical College. It would be a second life for persons receiving some vital organs retrieved from her body. Write a letter to the Editor, <i>Kashmir Times</i> highlighting the importance of organ donation to persons in need. You are Navita/Namit from 125, Main Road, Kacchi Chawni (120-150 words).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Fire broke out in one corner of the auditorium when your school's annual day function was going on. Sana, the Head Girl, took command of the situation and got all the doors opened at once, used fire extinguishers, vacated the auditorium, provided first-aid, and called the ambulance. Imagine you are the Principal of D.A.V School, the site of the incident. Write a letter to the Director of Education recommending Sana for a bravery award (120-150 words).</p>	6 Marks
5	<p>Write an email to your friend thanking him for hosting a great birthday party in which you had a lot of fun with your friends. (50-80 words).</p>	4 Marks
6	<p>Use of mobile phones has touched an all-time high in present times. It has affected lives of young and old. Write a personal account of how the mobile phone has affected you as a person. (200-250 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>As a reporter with <i>Greater Kashmir</i> write a report on the increasing menace of drug abuse in Jammu and Kashmir. (200-250 words)</p>	8 Marks
7	<p>Eight errors in the following passage have been numbered 1 to 8. Correct them and write down the corrected forms only against the respective number.</p> <p><i>My grandmother or (1) I were great friends. My parents leaved (2) me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She (3) used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous singsong while she bath (4) and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart; I listened because I loved her voice therefore (5) never bothered to learn it. Then she will (6) fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered by (7) yellow chalk, a tiny earthen inkpot and a reed pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chappati with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She had carried (8) several stale chappatis with her for the village dogs.</i></p>	8 Marks

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SECTION C: LITERATURE

8	<p>a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (1 mark each):</p> <p><i>'See Betty And Dolly' she'd say, 'and look how they Dressed us for the beach.' The sea holiday Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry With the labored ease of loss.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name the poem and the poet.2. Who in the extract is talking about Betty and Dolly?3. How is he/she related to the poet?4. Name the poetic device in the last line. <p>b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each(3 marks each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. To what has the poet compared the Goldfinch's movement in 'The Laburnum Top'? What is the basis for the comparison?ii. Why does the father say, 'Silence surrounds us.'?iii. How did the architect defend himself in 'A Tale of Melon City'? How did the king react to it?	10 Marks
9	<p>Answer any three of the following in 40-50 words:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Describe the happiest half-hour of the day for the grandmother.b) Why has Tut's body been subjected to repeated scrutiny?c) What 'growing worldwide consciousness' does the author refer to in 'The Ailing Planet'?d) Why do you think Professor Gaitonde decided never to preside over meetings again?e) Why was the author disappointed with Darchen?	3x3= 9 Marks
10	<p>Answer the following question in 150-200 words:</p> <p>'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' does not have breathless adventure and exciting action but is still an interesting story. Discuss.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practicing physician. Discuss in light of A J Cronin's 'Birth':</p>	6 Marks
11	<p>Answer the following question in 120-150 words:</p> <p>What impression do you get of Mrs. Annie Pearson?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>'Mother's Day' is a satire laced with humour. Discuss.</p>	5 Marks