

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Maximum Marks : 80

Time allowed : 3 hours

Class: 11th

SECTION A—READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Television is an important technological development but, as with many other popular inventions, it has advantages and disadvantages and its advocates and its critics. It presents a variety of programmes, films, and other shows that gives pleasure to different tastes and ages. However, watching it too often may not always be the best use of time especially for children, because they need to study and engage in sports and hobbies. TV does provide educational programmes for all stages in the school system and also for adults who can watch these programmes when they are not working. It makes a positive contribution to life long learning. On the other it sometimes shows programs that contain a high level of violence which may lead to unacceptable behavior in society. TV is thus a double- edged sword with obvious benefits but also some definite drawbacks.

(i) According to the passage, give two advantages of TV

(ii) According to the passage, give two reasons why TV is sometimes considered a bad thing

(iii) What does double-edged sword mean?

(iv) Watching TV too often may not always be the best use of time especially for children (true/false)

(v) TV makes a positive contribution to life long learning (true/false)

(vi) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 10 marks

2. Read the text and fill in the blanks with appropriate parts of speech.

For some years Rakesh worked in the city hospital, quickly rising to the top of the administrative organisation, _____(*conjunction*) was made a director before he left to set up his own clinic. He _____(*verb*) his parents in his car—a new sky blue Ambassador with a rear window full of stickers and charms revolving on strings—to see the clinic when it was built, and the _____(*adjective*) signboard over the door on which his name was printed in letters of red, with a row of degrees and qualifications to follow it like so many little black slaves of _____(*article*) regent. Thereafter his fame seemed to grow just a little dimmer—or may be it was only that everyone in town had grown accustomed to it at last—_____(*conjunction*) it was also the beginning of his fortune for he now became known not only as the best but also the richest doctor in town.

However, all this was not accomplished in the wink of an eye. Naturally not. It was the achievement of a lifetime and it _____(*verb*) up Rakesh's whole life. At the time he set up his clinic his father had grown into an _____(*adjective*) man and retired from his post at the kerosene dealer's depot at which _____(*pronoun*) had worked for forty years, and his mother died soon after, giving up the ghost with a sigh that sounded positively happy, for it was

_____ (*possessive pronoun*) own son who ministered to her
_____ (*preposition*) her last illness and who sat pressing her feet at the last
moment—such a son as few women had borne. 10 marks

SECTION B—WRITING SKILLS

3. Read the passage given below and complete the notes. Give a suitable title to the passage.

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the oldest, yet the only surviving of the Seven Ancient Wonders and the most famous pyramid in the world. It is presumed to have served as the tomb of the 4th dynasty Egyptian Pharaoh, Khufa (also known under his Greek name Cheops), after whom it is often called “ Khufus Pyramid”. It is the oldest and largest of the three great pyramids in the Giza necropolis on the outskirts of modern Cairo in Egypt. It took 100,000 men twenty years to complete building it. The great Pyramid is built entirely of limestone, and Close to 22 million blocks of limestone, each weighing approximately two tons, were used. It was originally 146 m high and the side of its square base was 250 m long

The site was first prepared, and blocks of stone were transported and placed . An outer casing (which disappeared over the years) was then used to smooth the surface. They were referred to as "The Granaries of Joseph and "The Mountaing of Pharaoh". The second pyramid, the tomb of King Chephren, appears to be the largest, but actually it was constructed on a plateau. The third Pyramid belonged to King Mycerinus. The Great Pyramid, together with the other pyramids and the Sphinx, form a part of the tourist region of the Giza Plateau There is also a museum housing the mysterious Sun Boat, only discovered in 1954 near the south side of the pyramid. The boat is believed to have been used to carry the body of Khufu in his last journey on earth before being buried inside the pyramid.

The ancient Egyptians built their tombs on the west side of the Nile River and their temples On the east. This practice corresponded to the rise and setting of the sun which

represented the cycle of life itself. The east signified rebirth and the west signified death. With the tombs on the west or left bank, the spirits of the dead would be ready to journey into the cycle of life. The Egyptians believe in the afterlife and made complete preparation for this journey.

Title _____

Main Point 1. Location

(i) _____

(ii) Called Khufu's Pyramid.

(iii) On the outskirts of modern Cairo in Egypt.

Main Point 2. Great Pyramid built

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) 146 m high 250 m long _____

Main Point 3. Many pyramids combine to make the Giza.

(i) The Granaries of Joseph _____

(ii) The Second _____

(iii) _____

Sub Point 1. A part of Tourist Region.

(i) Contains a museum.

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

Sub Point 2. Egyptian belief in after life.

- (i) built _____
- (ii) The East rep. _____ 5 marks

4 . Write a factual description of the new library in your school in about 120 words.

5 marks

5 . You went to your friend's house to invite him to your birthday party. He was not at home. You wrote a note and slipped it under his door. Write the message you left for him.

Or

Write an e-mail to your teacher at school thanking him for all the help he has provided you to get such good marks in the Board Exams.

3 marks

6. You are the school picnic coordinator. Draft a notice to be put up on the school notice board, giving details of Class XI and Class XII picnic to be organized by you.

Or

You are part of the "Traffic Week Campaign" led by your school. Design a poster, encouraging people for saving petrol, giving suggestions.

3 marks

7. Write a speech for the morning assembly on 'Smoking is injurious to health'

Or

Write an article for your school magazine on "Television makes the world a lot smaller".

5 marks

8. Describe the recent activity which was undertaken at your home on the 16th birthday of your younger brother.

4 marks

9. Read the given passage. The verbs used in it are mostly in **active** voice telling us ‘what they have done’. We could instead render it in **passive voice** to tell ‘what was done’. One has been done as an example.

There used to be a small school at Venuratlam. They have developed it into a big institution. They have restructured the education system here including the outdated approach to teaching-learning. They have modernized the curriculum. They have upgraded the school upto senior secondary level. They have introduced subjects like modern science and technology and computer science, environment conservation, mass communication. They have set up state-of-the-art laboratories. However, they have taken great care to ensure that some of the traditional arts and handicrafts of the local inhabitants are still taught to the students.

They have transformed the small village school into a big institute

This can be rewritten as:

The small village school has been transformed into a big institute.

Likewise, change the underlined sentences from the passage into passive voice. You could start the like below:

- a) The education system _____.
- b) The curriculum _____.
- c) The school _____ into a senior secondary institute.
- d) Subjects like modern science, environment conservation _____.
- e) Great care _____ to ensure that some of the traditional arts/handicrafts are still taught.

Or

Read the following dialogue and prepare a report of around 120 words using a variety of reporting verbs.

Teacher : We must do something to protect our environment.

Abid : That's a good idea! I'll tell my mother to stitch a big cloth shopping bag for our house

So that we can stop using plastic bags. Plastic bags are injurious to environment.

Teacher : Good idea.

Amina : I'm going to collect neem leaves and dry them. They are natural pesticides for using in bookshelves and cupboards. 5 marks

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

10. (a) Give the synonyms of the following words.

(i) Ponder (ii) Grief

(b) Give the antonyms of the following words.

(i) Wet (ii) True 2 marks

(a) Give the noun forms of the following words.

(i) Beautiful (ii) Imagine

(b) Give the verb forms of the following words.

(i) Technology (ii) Operation 2 marks

12. Use the words given in brackets in the correct form to complete the blanks.

A Devoted Son is a story of a son who _____(appear) to be devoted to his parents in all his actions. He never _____(forget) to touch his father's feet in all humbleness. He _____(look) after his mother in illness and took care of his _____(age) father with great devotion. 2 marks

13 Make sentences using the verbs in the box as intransitives, transitives and ditransitives.

Watch	Sleep	Give	Ask
Like	Leave	Offer	Tell

2 marks

14. (a) the _____rises in the east (son/sun)

her face is _____as a late winter's moon (pail/pale)

(b) The following words have same form but different meaning. For example:

I saw a bat flying in the air.

I play with the bat

Now use the following words in different sentences.

Bill : bill bank : bank

2 marks

SECTION D: LITERATURE READER

15. Answer any five from the following

- I. What kind of experiment was carried on by Viking Landers?
- II. How did the rockets and missiles capture the attention of the people in India?
- III. How does Alzheimer affect people?

- IV. How does a tsunami quake occur?
- V. State the most powerful reason that Mr. Braithwaite gave the boys for being clean.
- VI. Why was Rakesh so angry with his father? Was he right in doing so?
- VII. Which are the factors that influence moulding the character of man?
- VIII. Why was the middle east appreciated for textiles in the middle ages?

5x3= 15 marks

16. Bring out the character traits of the girls that help them save Mike from the Nazis.

Or

Do you consider the title of the play apt. Why/Why not (give reasons) 5 marks