

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 6

Self Assessment _____

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

General Instructions

The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A	: Reading	20 marks
Section B	: Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	: Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text	25 marks
		70 marks

SECTION – A : READING

(20 marks)

Q. 1. Read the following passage carefully :

(8 marks)

One day, I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just inches ! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that ? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital !'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call the 'The law of the Garbage Truck'.

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so 'Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't'. This attitude will help you sail through life. There will be fewer jerks and bumps. Learn to take the bad with the good for life can never be perfect. Acceptance of what is, is the solution. Don't react, just accept and you will be a lot more happy.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it !

Answer the following questions :

(i) The narrator boarded a taxi (a) when all of a sudden a car jumped (b)

(2 marks)

(ii) How did the taxi driver avert an accident ?

(1 mark)

- (iii) To what did he compare the yelling driver ? (1 mark)
- (iv) The term 'garbage' in the context of the passage means (1 mark)
- (v) The narrator learnt an invaluable lesson from the taxi driver. What was it ? (1 mark)
- (vi) Give words from the passage that means the same as : (1 × 2 = 2 marks)
- (a) to move briskly (para 1) (1)
- (b) feeling of defeat (para 2) (1)

Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully :

(12 marks)

Adoration by Man

Other animals move about the world as nature made them. Why then, did man start to adorn himself by hanging things round the neck, arms, waist and legs or putting things on his head.

- (1) We can imagine many reasons. If an exceptionally strong or brave man succeeded in killing an exceptionally large bear, might he not get the idea of boring a hole through one of its teeth with a sharp flint and lying the tooth round his neck in order to remind himself of his great achievement and to show his friends what a great man he was ? Gradually, it might have become the custom in that tribe for all strong and brave hunters to wear a bear's tooth, and it might be regarded as a disgrace not to wear one and a sign that one was weak or very young.
- (2) Another man might make an ornament of a coloured shell or stone simply because he liked it or because its shape reminded him of something. Then, if he happened to escape from some danger when he was wearing it he might think the ornament had something to do with it— that it had magic qualities. And his friends and relations would not be satisfied until they had an ornament of the same kind.
- (3) People who wear ornaments would soon learn to arrange them in different ways according to their size and colour in order to make them more decorative and impressive. A necklace found in Italy with the skeleton of young man of the Stone Age was quite elaborate. It consisted of stage's teeth arranged at intervals with, between them, two upper rows made up of the vertebrae of a fish and row of shells.
- (4) Another reason why men might tie feathers, horns, skins and all kinds of other things to themselves would be in order to make themselves look fierce and more terrifying to animals or to the men of other tribes.
- (5) Objects such as sea-shells that came from a distance and were therefore, scarce for people living far inland—would come in time to have a special value and might be worn only by chiefs and their families in order to show that they were particularly important people.
- (6) Primitive tribes living today often associate themselves with some particular animal or bird, such as an eagle or lion, or with a particular place, such as a mountain or river. Man may have started doing this kind of thing very early in his history. Then, every member of a group of family may have worn something such as feathers, claws or even a stone or wooden object of a certain shape or colour, to represent the animal or mountain or whatever it might be that they believed themselves to be connected with.
- (7) So, as we have seen, clothing may have started as ornament or to distinguish one tribe from another or to show rank or because certain things were believed to have magical qualities. But in some places a time came when men and women began to wear clothes for other reasons. During the ice age, when the polar ice spread over far more of the world than it does today, some of the districts in which human beings were living became very cold and indeed. Man must have learnt that he would be more comfortable and more likely to survive, if he covered his body with the skins of animals. At first perhaps, he would simply tie a skin round his waist or over his shoulders but as time passed he learnt how to treat skin in order to make them softer and more tender and how to join them together in order to make better garments.

- (8) Flint tools have been found buried deep under the earth floors of caves in which pre-historic men sheltered when the weather became colder. Some of the tools were probably used to scrape the inner side of skins to make them soft. Stone Age people may also have softened skins in the same way that Eskimo women do today, by chewing them. The teeth of Eskimo women are often worn down to stumps by the constant chewing of seal skins.
- (9) Among the wonderful flint and bone tools and implements that later cave-men made, have been found some beautiful bone needles, some not bigger than those we use today : Although the people who made them had only flint tools to work with, some of the needles are finer and more beautifully shaped than those of Roman times.
- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements briefly : (2 × 4 = 8 marks)
- (a) How did man start to adorn himself ? (2)
- (b) What was the speciality about the necklace found in Italy ? (2)
- (c) Why did man tie feather and skin to himself ? (2)
- (d) What did man realize during the ice age ? (2)
- (B) Find the words from the above passage which mean the same as the following : (1 × 4 = 4 marks)
- (e) Decorative object : (para 2) (1)
- (f) In detail : (para 3) (1)
- (g) Relating to the earliest times : (para 6) (1)
- (h) Rub against a hard surface : (para 9) (1)

SECTION – B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR**(25 marks)**

Q. 3. You are Rekha/Rohit. You have seen the following news item in a newspaper.

Video games, Internet, cell phones and other high-tech gear are just part of growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these gadgets and worry that it might be distracting them and cramping their academic and social development.

Using your own ideas and those taken from the unit, 'Science', write an article in about 150 words describing both the benefits and drawbacks of using these high-tech devices. (5 marks)

Q. 4. It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was returning Complete the story in about 150-200 words, providing an appropriate title to it. (10 marks)

Q. 5. Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks with options that follow :

(½ × 6 = 3 marks)

Amitabh Bachchan is (a) (one/two/a/of) of the greatest actors this country has produced. His fluency, his gift of timing, his command (b) (of/over/off/upon) the language is unparalleled, (c) (never/otherwise/always/sometimes) his histrionic talents too are among the (d) (best/better/worst/good) this country (e) (was/have/has/had) produced. Even now he (f) (has/had/have/is) to be the most popular actor of the country.

Q. 6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the corrections. Underline the correct word supplied by you. The first one has been done as an example for you. (4 marks)

Gold prices are now touched an all time high. Some says it could be a bubble that may grown but will at last

	Error	Correction
	e.g. are	have
(a)
(b)

burst after recession in a (c)
 West was over. So, investment (d)
 in gold may not be a good idea now.

Q. 7. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below : (3 marks)

Mrs. Jadav : Can I have a small bottle of cranberry jam ?
 Shopkeeper: Sorry, I have only big bottles.
 Mrs. Jadav : When will it be available ?
 Shopkeeper: I can give it to you tomorrow.
 Mrs. Jadav : Thank you, then I will get it tomorrow.
 Mrs. Jadav asked the shopkeeper (a) The shopkeeper said that he only had big bottles of cranberry jam. Mrs. Jadav wanted to know (b) The shopkeeper said that he could give it to her (the following day). Mrs. Jadav thanked him and said that (c)

SECTION – C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT (25 marks)

Q. 8. Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow options : (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

In a world, that is supposed to be chiefly swayed by hunger and by love, Mrs. Packletide was an exception, her movements and motive were largely governed by dislike of Loona Bimberton.

- (a) How is the world chiefly swayed by ? (1)
- (b) How was Mrs. Packletide an exception ? (1)
- (c) How was Mrs. Packletide governed ? (1)

OR

'Gainst death and all obvious enmity

Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room,

Even in the eyes of all posterity

That wear this world out to the ending doom.

- (a) In line 2 'you' refers to (1)
- (b) The poet predicts that, 'you' will (1)
- (c) The figure of speech in, 'your praise shall still find room' is (1)

Q. 9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words : (2 × 4 = 8 marks)

- (a) Why did the nightingale call the frog a 'Mozart' in disguise ? (2)
- (b) "The incidental expenses are heavy", she confides to inquiring friends. Who is the speaker ? What is 'she' referring to here ? (2)
- (c) Why does the woman reject the mirror and turn towards the candles and moon ? (2)
- (d) Why didn't the narrator go inside Lucia's room in the hospital ? What character trait is revealed here ? (2)

Q. 10. Answer any one of the following in 80-100 words : (4 marks)

'The two boys' devotion had touched me deeply. War had not broken their spirit. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society. Justify.

OR

You are one of the villagers who have noticed Ali and his helplessness. Write a letter to your friend giving an account of the life and experiences of this lovely man.

NOVEL/LONG READING TEXT

(10 marks)

Attempt any one question from 11(a) or 11(b) in about 150 words.

The Story of My Life

Q. 11. (a) The best and most beautiful things in the world can not be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.' Justify the famous quote of Helen Keller. (10 marks)

OR

(a) Draw up a character sketch of Martha Washington.

The Diary of a Young Girl

Q. 11. (b) "The diary fulfilled a deeply felt need to write in Anne." Discuss. (10 marks)

OR

(b) Draw a character-sketch of Mr. Keesing, Anne's Maths teacher.



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