

QUESTION PAPER (TERM - II) (2022-23)

CLASS - +2

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

M.M. : 50

- **Note:- All the questions are compulsory. Observe word limit wherever prescribed.**

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

1. Out of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are already widely used in industry and universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers fast towards a situation when a computer will be as much a part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.
2. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousand of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents, or they can

count the number of times the word 'and' has been used in the Bible. Because they work accurately and at high speeds. They save research workers years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In future, automation may enable human beings to have for more lesiure than they have today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

3. Some years ago, an expert on automation, sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could think. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance. They need detailed instructions from human beings to be able to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or rule the world' by making decisions of their own.
4. Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a

national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on a holiday could be informed about weather conditions; car drivers could be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people, who do not share a common language, to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

5. It is impossible to assess the importance of a machine of this sort, for many international misunderstandings are caused simply through our failure to understand each other. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospitals. By feeding a machine with a patient's symptoms, a doctor will be able to diagnose the nature of his illness. Similarly, machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Doctors will therefore have immediate access to great many facts which will help them in their work. Book keepers and accountants too, could be relieved of dull clerical work, for the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely, by machines. Computers will also be able to tell the exact age a

man is going to live with the help of his blood picture. Computers are the most efficient servants man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lives.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of this passage, answer the following questions with the help of given options:-

1. Computers save research workers from years of labour
 - (a) by learning from previous mistakes
 - (b) by working speedily and accurately
 - (c) by compiling and checking lists of figures
 - (d) by showing all the calculations on the monitor
2. Translating machines can help us
 - (a) relieve the dullness of clerical work
 - (b) have a common language in the world
 - (c) translate difficult passages into English
 - (d) overcome the difficulty of understanding a foreign language
3. In the future, small sized Computers will help man
 - (a) in obtaining desired information

- (b) by working like a radio
- (c) in getting relief from traffic jams
- (d) all the above are true

4. As regards the longevity of a person

- (a) Computers will be able to tell the exact age one is going to live
- (b) Computers will give one as long life as one wants
- (c) Computers will maintain one's medical record
- (d) Computers will cure ones small ailments.

(b) Find the words from the given choices that have the same meaning :

(i) invention

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| (a) automation | (b) complex |
| (c) creation | (d) objection |

(ii) consequence

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| (a) failure | (b) result |
| (c) task | (d) initiate |

(iii) Symptoms

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| (a) indications | (b) importance |
| (c) record | (d) performance |

$$4+3=7$$

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-

1. Child labour has been sought in the country since the middle of the 19th Century when factories first made an appearance. Since children in most industries provide the same productivity as adults, and in several cases even. More, but at a far lower cost, they were soon recognized as a means to lower overheads and increase profits. However, as the industrial revolution progressed, gradually the people became aware of the torture they were subjecting their children to both mentally and physically. But even as the country, continued to progress at various levels, it lagged behind in terms of the wherewithal and prosperity, needed to take care of the new social relations which had sprung up, with the result that wages for workers were abysmally low and it was difficult for a family to survive on one man's wages. This is when human resources became the only true assets families had and every pair of working hands, including those of children, was engaged in earning livelihood.
2. And once child labour had made an appearance in the job market, employees soon began to

prefer working children to working adults, for not only could they give the same output as an adult worker at a much lower cost but were also more nimble and agile and more amenable to discipline. The layers prefer children because their high profits depend largely on child labour.

3. It is indeed lamentable that poverty even compell parents and guardians to barter their children for money. A number of young children are sold by their parents or pledged as bonded labour.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply an appropriate title to it.

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3+2=5

Section-B (Writing)

3. Draft a notice for your school notice board giving details about your lost wrist watch. You are Kartik/ Kavita of GSSS Kangra.

Or

You are Anita/Ankit of Civil Lines, Mandi. You wish to let out a portion of your newly built house. Draft

an advertisement in not more than 50 words for publication in the 'To Let' column of the Hindustan Times giving all necessary details.

Or

You need a stenographer for your office. Write a brief and to the point advertisement for the 'situations vacant column of a newspaper. 3

4. You are Arjun/Anita of 20, Rose Garden, Chandigarh. Write a report in about 125 words on the 'Annual Prize Distribution'. Function of your school, to be published in your school magazine.

Or

You are Rishita/Rohit, a reporter of a newspaper. Write a report in, about 125 words about 'A House On Fire' you recently witnessed. 4

5. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern about rising prices of petrol, diesel and essential commodities.

Or

You are M.A. B.ed from H.P. University and have qualified TET. Write an application to the principal of GSSS Hamirpur for the post of lecturer in History. 4

6. Write an article on 'Health is Wealth'.

Or

Write an article in about 130–150 words on Dowry System. 4

Section-C (Literature)

7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:-

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What will the tigers do after Aunt's death?
3. Who had made the tigers and where?

Or

Answer the following questions by giving suitable answers from the given options:-

1. What does some shape of beauty do?
 - (a) It removes the dullness from our lives
 - (b) It gives us joy forever
 - (c) It removes the sadness from our heart
 - (d) All of the three

2. What do you mean by pall?

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| (a) Fall | (b) Darkness |
| (c) Coffin | (d) Grave |

3. What is the name of the poet of the poem 'A Roadside stand'?

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| (a) John Keats | (b) Robert Frost |
| (c) Pablo Neruda | (d) Kamala Das |
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8. Answer any five of the following questions briefly:-

1. What do you think the servants thought Gandhiji to be another peasant?
2. Why was the office boy frustrated? Who did he show his anger on?
3. Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed?
4. What are some of the positive views on interviews?
5. What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such dreams?
6. Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story? 5x1=5

9. Answer the following in about 125–150 words:-

Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life.

Or

Why was Kothmangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in the Gemini Studio? 5

10. Answer the following in about 125–150 words:-

What is that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb inspite of himself?

Or

The two accounts that you read in the chapter 'Memories of Childhood' are based in two distant cultures. What is the commonality of theme found in both of them? 5

11. Answer the following in about 20 words:-

1. Who is Mr. Lamb?
2. What is the moral issue that the story, 'Should Wizard H.E. Mommy' raises?
3. What do you think was Jo's problem?
4. What kind of a person was Evans?
5. Will the injured Mc Leery be able to help the prison officers track Evans?
6. Who was Bama. 5x1=5