



Std.: X

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ENGLISH

Time: 40 Min

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of three sections:
 - Section A: Reading (5Marks)
 - Section B: Writing & Grammar (8Marks)
 - Section C: Literature & Long Reading Text (7Marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING**(5)****I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:**

Christie was probably the most successful writer in history. She wrote 78 crime novels, six other novels, 150 short stories, four non-fiction books and 19 plays. That represents two billion books sold: more than William Shakespeare!

Christie became a writer by accident. She was bored when her husband was away in the First World War. Agatha was working in a hospital dispensary (which is where she learned all the information about poisons that she used in her books). She decided to write a novel to pass the time. She chose a detective novel because she loved reading them. Her first novel, the Mysterious Affair at Styles, was an instant success. Each book had a new ingenious plot. Readers loved the books, particularly because Christie always gave the readers all the information they needed to find the solution.

Christie loved travelling. When she became rich she could go all over the world. She used the travels in her writing. Agatha Christie died in 1976, but her stories are still immensely popular. Many have been adapted for films or television.

- a. Answer the following questions:** (2)
 - i. How did Christie gain knowledge about poisons?
 - ii. Why did readers love her book?
- b. Answer the following questions choosing the right option from those given:** (2)
 - i. Christie was a.....

1. famous doctor	3. famous writer
2. famous detective	4. all the above
 - ii. She wrote

1. 78 novels	3. six novels
2. 84 novels	4. none of the above
- c. Which word in the passage mean the following?** (1)
 - i. inventive and original (para 2)
 - ii. extremely (para 3)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**(8)**

- II.** Taking help of the points given below, **write a letter to the editor** of the Indian Express expressing your concern regarding the health hazards caused by junk food and its long lasting effects. You are Danny/Daisy, B-10, Mayur Vihar, Delhi. (Word limit: 80 words) (4)

- tasty and saves time.
- no food value, fried, fine flour used
- effect on body is always disastrous.
- leads to diseases like tension, blood clotting, depression etc.
- wastage of money

III. Complete the passage given below by filling in the blanks with the correct option from those given below it: (2)

Experts have proved that (a)of the best sun damage control stuff is to be found in our kitchens. (b)humble tomato can provide the best defense against skin damage (c)it gives protection from sunburn caused by exposure to sunlight. It is found that (d)ingredient in tomatoes called lycopene gives tomato its red colour and helps to protect against sunburn.

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|----|--------|----------|-----------|---------|
| a. | i. few | ii. some | iii. many | iv. all |
| b. | i. the | ii. an | iii. all | iv. a |
| c. | i. an | ii. as | iii. so | iv. all |
| d. | i. the | ii. a | iii. an | iv. any |

IV. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences: (2)

- a. man/ with his/ work/ is dissatisfied/ not love/ because/ he does/ it/
- b. must/ first/ man/ love/ work/ his

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (7)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (2)

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.
 Whatever I see I swallow immediately.
 Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.
 I am not cruel only truthful
 The eye of a little God, four cornered

- a. What does the mirror mean by saying, “I have no pre-conceptions”?
- b. Why is the mirror called “a four-cornered God”? What is the poetic device used?

VI. Answer the following questions in about 40 words: (3)

- a. In spite of being children, the two boys had seriousness beyond their years. What was the cause of this seriousness?
- b. How does the frog assess his influence on the nightingale?

VII. Answer the following question in about 60 words: (2)

- a. Give a character sketch of Helen’s father.
