



CLASS: X  
DATE: 22/05/2024

MAX. MARKS: 20  
TIME: 40 MINUTES

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains Two sections-GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (8 marks)**

**GRAMMAR**

**1. Complete the following tasks, as directed. 3**

- i. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

*The director had come out of the office before I \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. arrive
- B. have arrived
- C. arrived
- D. had arrived

- ii. Read the given sentence and identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

*The two parks in our locality has virtually been taken over by undesirable elements.*

Error	Correction

- iii. Read the given sentence and identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

*The pleasure of being outdoors was fundamental for human happiness.*

Error	Correction

**WRITING SKILLS**

2. Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper in about 80-100 words, complaining about employing minor children as a full time domestic help, also advocating the need to stop such practice which deprives the children of their basic rights. You are Kumar/Nita, B-30, Mayur Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi. 5

**LITERATURE (12 marks)**

**3. Read the given extract and answer the following questions. 3**

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

*(Dust of Snow)*

- i. How did the poet's mood change at the end of the poem?
- ii. Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.
1. reassured
  2. disappointed
  3. curious
  4. thankful
  5. low-spirited
  6. impulsive
- (a) 1 & 4                      (b) 2 & 5                      (c) 4 & 6                      (d) 1 & 3

iii. Identify the poetic device used in the line 'And saved some part'.

**4. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 40-50 words.                      3**

A. How did the hailstones affect Lencho's field? What was Lencho's only hope? (*A Letter to God*)

**OR**

B. What step did James Herriot take to save the dog, Tricky? (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

**5. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.                      6**

A. The postmaster represents such people who still believe in helping others. Mention those values of the postmaster which you would like to emulate in yourself. Elucidate with reference to '*A Letter to God*'.

**OR**

B. Excess of everything is bad. Comment in the wake of Mrs Pumphrey's love for Tricky. (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

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