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General Instructions:

- This question paper contains 10 questions in 15 pages.
- Marks are indicated against each question.
- All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A READING

(20 MARKS)

I Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10 marks)

21st Century Education

1. For generations, traditional education in classroom learning—often referred to as rote education—was defined by quiet rows of desks, memorizing textbook definitions, and performing mental arithmetic under strict timed conditions. Success meant storing as much information as possible in one's memory to reproduce on an examination paper. However, the dawn of the twenty-first century has fundamentally transformed what it means to be educated. In a digital world where virtually, all human knowledge can be accessed with a few keystrokes, the traditional emphasis on simple rote learning has become largely out of date.

2. Modern education focuses not on “what” information students can store, but on “how” effectively they can process, analyze, and apply that information. The modern curriculum highlights Digital Literacy, Adaptability, Global Citizenship, and Problem Solving. Digital literacy enables individuals to evaluate online sources, separate verified facts from fake news, and make logical judgments.

Adaptability encourages learners to adjust to rapidly changing technological landscapes and design innovative solutions to complex real-world issues, such as climate change and renewable energy.

3. Furthermore, today's world is interconnected through global networks. Challenges are rarely solved by isolated individuals working in solitude. Therefore, learning how to work effectively in diverse groups and express complex ideas clearly—both digitally and face-to-face—has become essential. Rather than passive listeners absorbing lectures, students in modern classrooms are active researchers, digital citizens, and proactive problem-solvers preparing for careers that may not even exist yet.

4. So in this evolving landscape, educators are no longer the sole gatekeepers of knowledge, but rather facilitators who guide inquiry and foster critical thinking. Assessment methods are similarly shifting away from high-stakes standardized tests toward project-based evaluations, collaborative portfolios, and continuous feedback. By prioritizing personal growth, emotional intelligence, and lifelong learning over rigid academic benchmarks, 21st-century education equips students not just to survive in a dynamic global workforce, but to actively shape a more ethical, sustainable, and interconnected future.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

1.1 Choose the appropriate option: (1)

i. Traditional education measured a student's success primarily by.....

- a. Their ability to work effectively in diverse groups
- b. How much information they could store in memory to reproduce on an exam
- c. Their proficiency in evaluating online digital sources
- d. How quickly they could design innovative solutions

ii. According to the passage, modern education focuses primarily on.....
(1)

- a. Storing as many textbook definitions as possible
- b. Performing mental arithmetic under strict timed conditions
- c. How effectively students can process, analyse, and apply information
- d. Listening passively to traditional classroom lectures

1.2 Complete the following sentences using appropriate words/phrases/lines from the passage: (2)

a. Rather than acting as passive listeners during lectures, modern students are expected to be active researchers, digital citizens, and.....

b. Assessment methods are similarly shifting away from high-stakes standardized tests toward.....

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1.3 Answer the Following

(a) Why has the traditional emphasis on simple rote memorization become largely out of date in today’s world? (1)

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(b) Explain why working in diverse groups and expressing ideas clearly have become essential in the modern workforce. (1)

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1.4 Complete the table below by listing the function of each skill as described in the passage: (2)

Modern Skill	Primary Function / Purpose
Digital Literacy	(a)

Modern Skill	Primary Function / Purpose
Adaptability	(b)

**1.5 Fill in the blanks using appropriate words/phrases from the passage
(1)**

a. Educators are no longer the sole gatekeepers of knowledge,
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1.6 Substitute the word "creative" with one word similar in meaning from paragraph 2

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II Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10 marks)

1.Modern city traffic depends heavily on drivers and pedestrians following standard road rules to keep vehicles moving safely and efficiently. Traffic regulations are not random limits; they form a clear system designed to reduce traffic jams, prevent crashes, and protect vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. Important rules—like staying in the correct lane, sticking to speed limits, obeying traffic lights, and giving way at roundabouts—are planned using the principle of science and risk calculations to maintain a smooth flow of vehicles across growing urban areas.

2.Despite strict laws and regular safety campaigns, traffic violations remain a major cause of serious road accidents worldwide. Driving too fast, using mobile phones while driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs reduce a driver's reaction speed and judgment. In addition, ignoring seatbelt and helmet laws greatly increases the risk of death or serious injury during an impact. These dangerous habits place a heavy burden on hospital resources and lead to the tragic loss of many lives every year.

3.To handle these ongoing problems, modern city authorities are using smart technology known as Intelligent Transportation Systems. These systems use automated speed cameras, smart traffic signals, and digital monitoring to catch traffic violations instantly and manage traffic flow. However, while modern technology and strict legal penalties help prevent violations, achieving long-term road safety ultimate depends on personal responsibility, safe driving habits, and consideration for others among all road users.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

2.1 Complete the following analogy based on the concepts in the passage: (1)

Speed Limit: Prevent Crashes: Roundabout:

- a. Catch Violations Instantly
- b. Increase Hospital Burden
- c. Maintain Smooth Traffic Flow
- d. Enforce Helmet Laws

2.2 Fill in the blanks (2)

- a. Key traffic rules are designed using principles of
- b. Automated monitoring helps to catch violations but long-term safety depends on

2.3 Complete the table below comparing traditional traffic control with modern technology solutions: (2)

System Type	Core Tools / Methods	Main Function / Impact
Traditional Systems	Legal laws and penalties	Acts as a legal warning to reduce violations
Intelligent Transportation Systems	(a)	(b)

2.4 Answer the following questions (1)

- a. What is the main purpose of traffic regulations in modern cities?
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2.5 State whether the following statements are True or False (2)

- a. Driving too fast helps drivers make better spatial judgments on crowded road. ☐
- b. Not wearing seatbelts and helmets increases the chance of injuries during a crash. ☐

2.6 Find a word in Paragraph 1 that means 'being open to harm, attack, or damage' / weak (1)

2.7 Give a suitable title for the passage (1)

SECTION B- WRITING SKILLS

(20 MARKS)

3. As the President of the Fine Arts Club of your school, design an eye-catching poster in not more than 50 words to promote a "Say NO to Single-Use Plastics" campaign. Highlight the severe harm caused by plastic waste to terrestrial and marine ecosystems, suggest eco-friendly alternatives. Include a compelling slogan along with the issuing authority. (5)

4. You recently participated in a school cleanliness and tree-planting drive organized in your neighbourhood. Write a letter in 100–120 words to your aunt, sharing your experience of taking part in the initiative, what tasks you performed, and why you feel young people should participate in community service. (7)

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5. You recently visited a vibrant traditional night market during a local festival. Write a descriptive essay in 150 words capturing the sights, sounds, smells, and overall atmosphere of the market. Describe the colourful stalls, the aromas of food, the bustling crowd, and how the experience made you feel. (8)

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SECTION C (20 MARKS)

GRAMMAR

6. Do as directed

6.1 Fill in the blank with a suitable article. (2)

- i. He was nominated as best candidate for the position, despite having the least experience.
- ii. She possesses European passport, which allows her to travel freely across many countries.

6.2 Fill in the blank with an appropriate modal. (2)

- i. your year ahead be filled with joy, laughter, and success!
- ii. Passengers show their boarding passes before getting on the plane. (strict rule)

6.3 Fill in the blank with the simple present tense form of the verb given in brackets.(2)

- i. They (play) soccer every Saturday.

- ii. Either the striker or the wingers (take) the penalty kicks when the main captain is bench-bound.

6.4 Fill in the blank with the present continuous tense form of the verb given in brackets. (2)

- i. She (read) a book right now.
ii. The kids (play) in the garden.

6.5 Fill in the blank with the present perfect tense form of the verb given in brackets. (2)

- i. I (finish) all my homework already.
ii. He (visit) Paris twice this year.

6.6 Fill in the blank with the present perfect continuous tense form of the verb given in brackets. (2)

- i. They (study) for the exam since 8 AM.
ii. She (work) at this company for three years.

6.7 Choose the correct preposition and fill in the blank. (2)

- i. She will meet us 5 o'clock. (in, at)
ii. He has been waiting for the bus two hours. (since, for)

6.8 Identify the kind of sentence. (2)

- i. Please close the door quietly.
ii. Oh no, I forgot my keys inside!

6.9 Change the following sentence into the passive voice. (2)

i. The chef prepares a delicious meal.
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ii. The team won the championship.
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6.10 Rearrange the following words to make a meaningful sentence. (2)

i. heavy / the / was / rain / because / cancelled / match / of / football / the
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ii. important / health / exercise / good / for / regular /is
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SECTION D LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that following

I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch, or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring, I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening Nature after her winter’s sleep. Occasionally, I am very fortunate; I place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

Choose the correct option: (1)

- i. According to the passage, spring represents:
- a) A time of harsh weather
 - b) The awakening of Nature after winter's sleep
 - c) The falling of dry leaves
 - d) A season of quiet stillness

ii.How does Helen Keller know that a bird is singing on a small tree without seeing or hearing it?
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iii.What primary message does the passage convey about experiencing the world without sight?
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8.Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

"I load my little boats with shiuli flower from our garden, and hope that these blooms of the dawn will be carried safely to land in the night.

I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky and see the little clouds setting the white bulging sails."

Choose the correct option: (1)

i. What does the poet load into his paper boats?

- (a) Small toy soldiers
- (b) Letters to his friends

- (c) Shiuli flowers from his garden
- (d) Pebbles from the stream

ii. Why are the shiuli flowers called "blooms of the dawn"? (1)

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iii. What does the poet compare the clouds in the sky to? (1)

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9. Answer the following questions

i. The funny man does unusual things in the poem. How does it affect the overall mood of the poem? (2)

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ii. How does Mary’s attitude towards the guests change throughout the play (2)

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iii.How did the River act as a companion and guide to Jahnavi? (2)

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iv. How does Doctor Dolittle’s readiness to follow the parrot’s advice highlight the importance of listening to different viewpoints? (2)

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