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General Instructions:

1. *The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.*
2. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

Q-1. Read the passage given below :

(12)

1. There are two types of diabetes, insulin-dependent and non-insulin-dependent. Between 90-95% of the estimated 13-14 million people in the United States with diabetes have non-insulin-dependent, or Type 2 diabetes. Because this form of diabetes usually begins in adults over the age of 40, it is called adult-onset diabetes. Its symptoms often develop gradually and are hard to identify at first; therefore, nearly half of all people with diabetes do not know they have it. This can be particularly dangerous because untreated diabetes can cause damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and nerves. While the causes, short-term effects and treatments of the two types of diabetes differ, both types can cause the same long-term health problems.

2. What causes Type 2 diabetes? There is no simple answer to this question. While eating sugar, for instance, doesn't cause diabetes, it only causes weight gain. Scientists do not fully understand why obesity increases someone's chances of developing diabetes but they believe obesity is a major factor leading to Type 2 diabetes.

3. Age, sex, weight, physical activity, diet, lifestyle and family health history, all affect someone's chances of developing Type 2 diabetes. Experts now know that diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiians than in whites. While the chances of developing diabetes increase with age, gender isn't a risk factor.

4. Both types affect the body's ability to use digested food for energy. Diabetes does not interfere with digestion but it does prevent the body from using glucose (commonly known as sugar), for energy. After a meal, the normal digestive system breaks food down into glucose. The blood carries

the glucose or sugar throughout the body, causing blood glucose levels to rise. In response to this rise, the hormone insulin is released into the bloodstream and signals the body tissues to burn the glucose for fuel, which causes blood glucose levels to return to normal. The glucose that the body does not use right away is stored in the liver, muscle or fat.

5. In both types of diabetes, however, this normal process malfunctions. A gland called the pancreas, found just behind the stomach, makes insulin. In people with insulin-dependent diabetes, the pancreas does not produce insulin at all so they take daily insulin injections to survive. This condition usually begins in childhood and is known as Type 1 diabetes.

6. In some cases people with non-insulin-dependent diabetes usually produce some insulin in their pancreas but their bodies' tissues do not respond well to the insulin signal and therefore do not metabolise the glucose properly, a condition known as insulin resistance. Scientists have identified two causes of insulin resistance.

7. There's no cure for diabetes yet. However, there are ways to alleviate its symptoms. In 1986, a National Institute of Health panel of experts recommended that the best treatment for non-insulin-dependent diabetes is a diet that helps one maintain a normal weight and pays particular attention to a proper balance of the different food groups. Many experts, including those in the American Diabetes Association, recommend a diet wherein 50-60% of daily calories come from carbohydrates, 12-20% from protein, and no more than 30% from fat.

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

i. Complete the following statement by choosing an appropriate option.

People suffering from Type 1 diabetes .....

- a) Must not take insulin injections daily to survive .
- b) May take insulin injections daily to survive.
- c) Must take insulin injections weekly to survive.
- d) Must take insulin injections daily to survive .

ii. Comment on writer's reference to the major functions of insulin as mentioned in the passage.

iii. State the correlation between Type – II and age .

iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'Increase ' from words used in the last paragraph.

- a) Panel
- b) Rich
- c) Alleviate
- d) Maintain

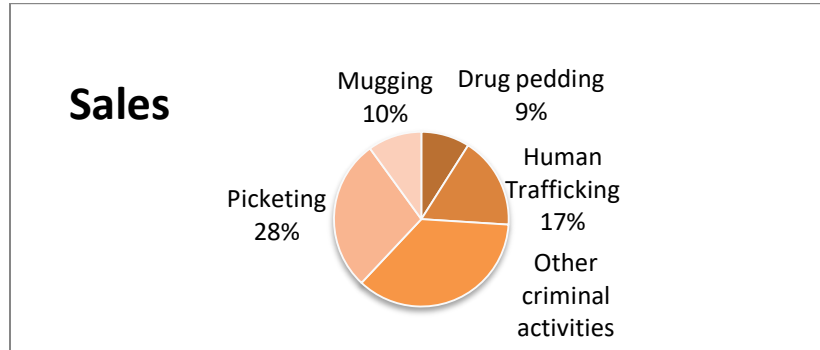
- v) The writer would not agree with the following statement except
- a) Both types of diabetes affect the body's ability to use digested food for energy.
  - b) Pancreas does not make insulin
  - c) Type – 1 diabetes is more common .
  - d) There exists a cure for diabetes .
- vi) Insulin resistance is a problem commonly found in non-insulin dependant diabetes .Justify. (2)
- Vii) What do you think is common between both types of diabetes ? (2)
- viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following.  
The best way for treating non- insulin diabetes a focuses on maintaining normal weight and eating a ..... .
- ix) Which of the following as stated in the last paragraph , plays a central role in preventing and managing diabetes ?
- a) Calories intake
  - b) Exercise
  - c) Sugar intake Both (a) and (b)
- x) Select a suitable title for the above passage
- a) Understanding Diabetes
  - b) Preventing Diabetes
  - c) Rising Concern of Diabetes
  - d) Diabetes and Obesity .

**Q-2. Read the passage given below : (10)**

In recent years India has seen manifold increase in crimes committed by minors. While analysing the factors responsible for the spurt in crime rate the experts believe that the rural-urban conflict is at the core of these crimes in cities especially underage crimes. The largely rural and semi-urban background of most of the offenders point to that direction. According to the researchers, these young people are not benefitting from the economic reforms in comparison to the educated and professional counterparts in the cities. They feel neglected, frustrated and distressed which leads to crimes such as murder etc.

2. An increase in number of rural people migrating to cities in search of better life opportunities however do not prepare them for the urban value system. The children are often neglected, as both

parents are working and unable to spend time with them. The children do not get the attention and right values essential for upbringing.



3. The report 'Why Children Commit Offences' published by Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) in June, 2015, focused on children in conflict with the law in Delhi. The report looks at multiple issues like the socio-economic profile of children with a criminal record, the nature of offence that these children were accused of and analysed the factors that push children towards deviant behaviour. The report highlighted the role of the family, the community, the school and education as well the peer influence. The report after studying 182 children in observation homes, special homes found that poverty is one of the biggest contributing factors in children taken to crimes. Most of the children had undergone multiple deprivations with low economic households, uneducated parents; disrupted families. The children were dropouts and working independently to support their families.

4. A first step would be for the government to support those families that have poor economic status. In addition, universal education among children is absolutely necessary to eradicate crime among teens. However, only passing legislation is not enough. Society has to ensure that every family sends its children to school, rather than making them work at home or outside, or simply neglecting them. The problem has to be nipped in the bud. A good family atmosphere and proper counselling are needed at all stages for children belonging to vulnerable social groups.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions : 10

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the paragraph 1 ?

Researchers believe that neglect, frustration and distressment makes the offender commit crimes

Select from the following

TRUE – If the statement agrees with the information .

FALSE – If the statement contradicts the information.

NOT GIVEN - If there is no information on this .

(ii) What was the conclusion of the survey conducted by the DCPCR ?

(iii) Complete the sentence based on the information given the passage .

As a result the neglect of children , they do not indicate .....

(iv) How can the solutions suggested in the last paragraph, be described ?

- a) Practical
- b) Presentable
- c) Popular
- d) Prejudiced

(v) What do you understand by the term ‘ Peer influence’ mentioned in the third paragraph?

(vi) Based on the reading of the text , state a point to challenge the given statement

Passing legislation is enough to eradicate crime among teens .

(vii) Arrange the given illegal activities into their prevalence

1. Picketing 2. Drug Pedding 3. Mugging 4. Human Trafficking

- a) 1,2,3,4
- b) 4,2,3,1
- c) 3,2,1,4
- d) 1,4,3,2

(viii) What can be done to eradicate crimes ?

- a) A good family atmosphere
- b) Proper counseling
- c) Universal education
- d) Passing legislation

(ix) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option .

The people migrating to cities for better opportunities are unaware of the .....

- a) Urban value system
- b) Corruption prevalent in the city
- c) Level of exploitation in the city
- d) Deprivation that they would face in the city .

(x) What was the common characteristic of the children found in special homes ?

**Section B – Creative Writing Skill (18 Marks)**

**Q3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**(4)**

**A. You are Arun/Anita, a member of the Residents' Welfare Association of Saraswati Vihar, New Delhi. You wish to help the children of your housing society with their oral communication skills. You have planned a one month course for meeting this purpose. Draft a notice to be**

displayed at your Society Bulletin Board in not more than 50 words, giving all the necessary details of the course.

**OR**

- B. You are the Health Secretary of the Students' Council of your school. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board informing the students of Class XII to enrol for a week long cleanliness drive organised by your school that is scheduled to start from 2nd October.**

**Q4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**4**

- A. You are the Secretary of Haryana Civil Medical Doctors' Association, 2345 Sector 15, Panchkula. You have organised a seminar on AIDS for the members of the association and invited a specialist guest speaker. Draft an invitation for publication in the newspapers. (50 words)**

**OR**

- B. Your parents have completed 25 years of happy married life. Invite your aunt, living in Hyderabad, to join you in the Silver Jubilee Celebration of their marriage at your residence. (50 words)**

**Q5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**(5)**

- A. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily suggesting possible ways to eliminate the 'Menace of Dowry' which has led to many deaths and suffering of women. You are Kamal/Komal. You can use the following clues. (120-150 words)**

**(OR)**

- B. You saw the following advertisement in a National Daily. You think you are eligible to apply for the post mentioned. Write an application in response to the advertisement.**  
**Sundaram Finance**

**Applications are invited by Sundaram Business Services, a division of Limited, for the post of Head HR, a middle management position, reporting to the Head of the Division in Chennai. The applicant should be around 37 years of age with a postgraduate qualification in HR from a reputed institution. He/She should have a minimum of five years of experience in HR functions. Should be conversant with the best HR practices in the industry and should have implemented a robust performance monitoring/appraisal system and productivity linked incentive schemes. Apply, with full particulars within a week to chief HR Manager, Sundaram Business Services, No. 05. Shanti Colony, Anna Nagar, Chennai-04.**

**Q6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)**

**A. The sports field is said to be a minifield of life. Whatever we experience or learn here serves as an invaluable experience to us for life. Write an article on 'More Lessons are Learnt on the Sports Field than in the Classroom' in 120-150 words. You are Sarika/Sandeep. You can use the following**

**(OR)**

**B. A glittering musical concert was held in your city during the Diwali season. Many noted and budding musicians were present to grace the occasion. Write a report covering the event in 120-150 words. You are Yash Khullar, Staff Correspondent for 'The Indian Express'. You can use the following clues.**

**Clues :**

- **Idea behind organizing the concert**
- **Describe the venue and artists performing in the concert**
- **Celebrities attending and performing in the concert**
- **Teaches how Diwali can be celebrated without bursting crackers.**

**SECTION –C : LITERATURE 40 Marks**

**Q7. Read the given extract and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. (6)**

**A. I saw my mother, beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse  
And realized with pain  
that she was as old as she looked but soon  
put that thought away (My Mother at Sixty-six)**

- i. Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the fourth line of the extract.**
- a. As quick as a fox**
  - b. Nature is God's gift to us**
  - c. The dazzling dames come one by one**
  - d. Life is full of ups and downs**
- ii. What is the cause of pain and ache that the poet feels?**

iii. Complete the following sentence.

“Her face ashen like that of a corpse” means that to the poet mother’s face was\_\_\_\_\_

iv. State True or False

Realisation of Mother’s old age can be an apt title for the extract.

v. Why did the poet put that thought away?

vi. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The poet’s mother looks like a corpse because\_\_\_\_\_.

OR

B. “Aunt Jennifer’s fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle’s wedding band;

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer’s hand.” (Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers)

i. Aunt Jennifer feels the weight of the wedding band. This indicates\_\_\_\_\_

- a. Her dissatisfaction with her marriage
- b. her anger in her marriage
- c. Her isolation with her marriage
- d. Her silence in her marriage

ii. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE, with reference to the statement given below.

The image “massive weight of the wedding band” means a wedding band of a hard married life.

iii. Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word.

Aunt Jennifer uses \_\_\_\_\_ to express her repressed desires.

iv. What do Aunt Jennifer’s fluttering hands through her wool tell us?

v. Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following.

Aunt Jennifer may be scared of her husband finding out about her embroidery

vi. Which of the following states the correct rhyming scheme of the extract.

- a. abab
- b. aabb
- c. abba



**Q8. Read the extract and answer the following questions. (4)**

**A. The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources , and the unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world ,which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.**

**Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the West Antarctic icesheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream ocean current be disrupted ? Will it be the end of the world as we know it?**

**(i) Identify the factor that increases the average global temperature ,according to the extract?**

- (a) Rapid increase of human population.**
- (b) Limitless burning of fossil fuels**
- (c) Use of blanket in extreme cold weather**
- (d) Negligent participation in environmental debates**

**(ii) How are other species being affected due to the rapid increase of human populations?**

**(iii)The unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world. Here 'Unmitigated burning ' means**

- (a) sumptuous burning**
- (b) restricted burning**
- (c) unconditional burning**
- (d) rapid burning**

**(iv)What are the consequences against climate change being deduced in the above extract?**

**OR**

**DERRY:What do you do all day?**

**MR LAMB : Sit in the sun. Read books. Ah, you thought it was an empty house, but inside, it's full. Books and other things. Full.**

**DERRY : But there aren't any curtains at the windows.**

**MR LAMB : I'm not fond of curtains. Shutting things out, shutting things in. I like the light and the darkness, and the windows open, to hear the**

**windDERRY :Yes. I like that. When it's raining. I like to hear it on the roof.**

**MR LAMB : So you're not lost, are you? Not altogether? You do hear things. You listen.**

**DERRY :They talk about me. Downstairs, When I'm not there.**

- (i) According to Mr Lamb, what does the idea of being 'lost' signify?  
(ii) Read the following analysis of Mr Lamb's character based on the given extract

Choose the option that fills in the given blanks most appropriately.

Mr Lamb's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and daily activities reflected the values he lived by and the kind of person he was. His openness, inquisitiveness, and his (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to nature were embodied in his work and words. Being close to and experiencing 3) \_\_\_\_\_ was not only significant to him, but was at the heart of finding meaning and 4) \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

- (a) preferences; (2) attunement; (3) nature; (4) direction  
(b) choices; (2) loyalty; (3) the world; (4) hope  
(c) words; (2) attitude; (3) gardening; (4) worthiness  
(d) sermons; (2) proximity, (3) life; (4) values

- (iii) Choose the option that best describes the sequence of Derry's emotions in the above extract.

- (a) shyness-friendliness-reluctant acceptance  
(b) inquisitiveness-nostalgia-mild sadness  
(c) curiosity-measured delight-disappointment  
(d) defiance-excitement-grouchy insecurity

- (iv) "You do hear things. You listen." Complete the analogy by capturing the difference between hearing and listening.

hear: listen: : chance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q9. Read the given extract and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.**

**A. I laughed and said, “Well Mr Terror, what do you think you can do to me?” it fled  
And I swam on.**

- i. What is the reason for I’s confidence?**
- ii. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.  
It fled.**
- iii. What is the mood of the narrator?**
  - a. Proud**
  - b. excited**
  - c. c. jovial**
  - d. indifferent**
- iv. Rationalize to support the given statement.  
Douglas addressed Mr Terror to highlight his victory.**
- v. Which literary device is used in the given lines?**
  - a. Simile**
  - b. Hyperbole**
  - c. c. personification**
  - d. pun**
- vi. Complete the sentence appropriately.  
Douglas was swimming in\_\_\_\_\_**

**OR**

**B. When I saw who it was, I said, “ Excuse me, but aren’t you Danny Casey?” And he looked sort  
of surprised. And he said, “Yes, that’s right. And I knew it must be himbecause he had the  
accent, you know, like when they interviewed him on the television. So I asked him for an  
autograph for little Derek but neither of us had any paper or a pen. So then we just talked  
a bit about the clothes in Royce’s window. He seemed lonely. After all, it’s a long way from  
the west of Ireland.”**

- i. **How did Sophie know that it was Denny Caesy?**
  - a. As he had a football in his hands
  - b. As he was moving his feet like a footballer
  - c. As his accent matched Caesy's
  - d. As he was wearing football dress
- ii. **Rationalize to support the given opinion**  
**Sophie- the speaker is a very imaginative girl**
- iii. **What is the most likely reason that he was surprised?**
- iv. **For whom did Sophie ask Denny to give autograph?**
  - a. Geoff
  - b. Jansie
  - c. her mother
  - d. Derek
- v. **Do you think Geoff will believe in the speaker?**
- vi. **Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.**  
**The speaker said, "It was nothing like that, Geoff" because \_\_\_\_\_**

**Q10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words.**

- a) **A smile does not always indicate happiness.**  
**Does My Mother at Sixty-six reflect this statement? Justify your response with an example from the poem.**
- b) **What does the description of Mukesh's family in Lost Spring reveal about gender roles ?**
- c) **What does Ashokmitran's narrative in Poets and Pancake demonstrate about Subbu ?**
- d) **It is only when we are fearless that we begin to create.**  
**Does this statement hold true in the case of Aunt Jennifer.? Support your stance with evidence from the text.**
- e) **In Deep Water which qualities of the Swimming Instructor played a role in helping Douglas overcome his fear ?**
- f) **State any two characteristics that can be inferred about the people from the countryside in The Roadside Stand.**

**Q11. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4)**

**(i) In 'The Enemy'. Hana's thoughts and actions regarding Tom were in discord.**

**Support this statement with examples from the text.**

**(ii) In 'On the Face of It'. Mr Lamb told Derry about his tin leg and how kids called him**

**'Lamey Lamb'. Why do you think Mr Lamb shared these details? State two reasons to support your answer.**

**(iii) Identify Tishani Doshi's writing style in 'Journey to the End of the Earth' and state two aspects that characterise it using examples from the text.**

**Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.**

**A. Franz from 'The Last Lesson' and the peddler from 'The Rattrap' demonstrate the importance of learning from our mistakes to evolve into better people. Imagine Shubhangi, your friend, feels as if she has made a mistake by not taking her academics seriously. Write an essay to Shubhangi in 120-150 words discussing instances from the two texts to give her an insight into the human tendency to make mistakes and learn from them.**

**You may begin like this:**

**Shubhangi, all of us have made mistakes at one point or another in our lives.**

**After all, to err is human.....**

**OR**

**B. The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home. ('The Lost Spring') ...far from the city we make our roadside stand and ask for some city money to feel in hand'. ('A Roadside Stand')**

**Create a conversation between a bangle maker and the owner of a roadside stand with reference to the above extracts. You may begin the conversation like this: Owner of a roadside stand: Your bangles are pretty. Tell me about your experience in this business.**

**Q13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.**

**A. A.Imagine that a few days after Mr Lamb's fall from the ladder, Derry writes his thoughts on how his meeting with Mr. Lamb changed his perspective towards life Think of yourself as Derry and express these thoughts. You may begin like this  
A few days ago, met an extraordinary person....**

**OR**

**B. Both the general (The Enemy) and the Maharaja (The Tiger King), deal with death .They are powerful figures confronted by a similar fate.  
You wish to include both of these characters in an upcoming play. As a part of your research essay, compare and contrast their experiences and their responses to these experiences in 120-150 words. ( Clue : Include the similarities and differences of their circumstances \_ their way of dealing with things\_\_ their ultimate fate.**

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