

ENGLISH
(Questions & Solutions)
2022 SET A-1

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper contains three sections Reading, Writing & Grammar and Literature.
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instruction for each part.

SECTION – A

Reading

1. Objectives:

- To comprehend the passage
- To identify the main points from the text

Marking: 5 marks -1 mark for each correct answer

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors

Read the following passage carefully.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any five questions from the six given below:

- (i) How is sand a ‘treasure-trove’?

Ans. Treasure trove:

- rich collection of minerals provided by sand.
 - a record of geological past/ earth’s changing process.
- (any one)

- (ii) How is sand both a pain and a pleasure?

Ans. Pain: When sand gets in food.

Pleasure: When moulded into castles.

- (iii) Name two man-made materials that contain sand.

Ans. concrete glass

- (iv) List the different shapes of sand.

Ans. Stars, spirals, their edges jagged or smooth

- (v) What is the origin of white sand?

Ans. Coral outcrops, crystalline quartz rocks or gypsum, erosion of rocks, volcanic eruption, marine organisms

(any one)

- (vi) In what ways are older granules different from recent granules?

Ans. older granules are finer and smoother around the edges

2. Objectives:

- To comprehend the passage
- To identify the main points from the text

Marking: 5 marks - 1 mark for each correct answer

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors

Read the passage given below:

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any five questions from the six questions given below:

- (i) Under what conditions does a natural spring emerge?

Ans. When the water table may be higher than the earth’s surface a natural spring can emerge.

- (ii) What is a confined aquifer?

Ans. - a deep underground cavity of porous rock that holds water
- bears pressure from confining layer above it

(iii) What forms a flowing artesian well?

Ans. Due to the pressurised nature of an aquifer, water will often rise up from within it and form a flowing artesian well.

(iv) Explain the term 'purified water'.

Ans. Water has gone through variety of cleansing processes

(v) How are pathogens treated?

Ans. by ultraviolet (UV) light

(vi) Why is municipal water treated by chlorination?

Ans. - only powerful and comprehensive microbial treatment
- extremely inexpensive, water remains contaminant free
(any one)

SECTION – B

Writing and Grammar

3. Attempt any one from (i) and (ii)

(i) You are Rita/Rahul and you came across the following information on your local club noticeboard.

Better Living

How to tackle stress, build concentration and remain fit and be healthy -- Yoga, a way of life -- Join free yoga camp for students.

You

wish to enrol but require more information. Write a letter to the Yoga Institute, M.G. Road, Pune, enquiring details of timing, batch size, eligibility, etc. for joining the course.

Ans. LETTER: TO MAKE AN ENQUIRY

Note: No marks to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given to the candidate's appropriate use of language and skills of reasoning.

Word limit: 100-120 words. However, no marks to be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

Marking :-

Format: 1 Mark

i. sender's address

ii. date

iii. receiver's address

iv. subject

v. salutation

vi. complimentary close

Content: 2 Marks

Expression: 2 Marks

(coherence, relevance of ideas - 1 mark

Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings - 1 mark

Deduct ½ mark only when there are four or more errors)

Suggested Value points:

- where- location

- when-timing/date/duration

- batch size

- eligibility

(any other relevant point)

(ii) Internet provides every information one seeks at the click of a button. As a result children today are living in a comfort zone. According to research, this will result in long-term consequences which will affect their brain.

Based on the following chart, write an analytical paragraph in not more than

120 words on activities to improve brain power.

For the Visually Impaired Candidates:

Read the following report and write an analytical paragraph based on it in 100 120 words:

According to a study, playing all sorts of brain games at home for fun boosts memory, thinking speed, and other cognitive skills. A research suggests that using paper and pencil especially for older people engages the brain and enhances memory in many more ways than using a keyboard.

Ans. ANALYTICAL PARAGRAPH

Note: Analysis to be based on the given input only.

No extra credit to be awarded for any additional information to the given content.

Content - 2 Marks

Analysis – 2 Marks

Expression - 1 Mark

(coherence, relevance of ideas – ½ mark

accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings – ½ mark)

Suggested Value points: Hints / Lines given in the question paper can be used anywhere in the paragraph

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction.

The first one has been done for you.

Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer

(½ mark for identification of the error)

(½ mark for the writing of the correction)

While the worst for COVID-19 in India seems to be over, one may remain vigilant and response quickly to any future spike of cases.

Error	Correction
(e.g.) for	of
(a) _____	_____
(b) _____	_____
(c) _____	_____

- | | Incorrect | Correct |
|-------|--------------------------|----------------|
| (i) | Ans. (a) may | must/should |
| (ii) | Ans. (b) response | respond |
| (iii) | Ans. (c) of | in |

5. Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows:

Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer. No partial credit

Note: Marks to be awarded if passage is completed using any grammatically correct structure

Rahul: It is difficult to fight against peer pressure. Youth easily gets influenced by the lifestyle of its peers.

Radhika: Peer pressure has its benefits as well. Our peers also motivate and inspire us to do better and work hard.

Rahul said that it was difficult to fight against peer pressure as (a) _____. Radhika replied that peer pressure had its benefits as well it (b) _____

- (i) **Ans.** (a) youth easily got influenced by the lifestyle of their peers
- (ii) **Ans.** (b) motivated and inspired them to do better and work hard / motivates and inspires them to do better and work hard.

SECTION – C

Literature

6. Answer any six questions in 30 – 40 words each.

Objective: This section evaluates the questions based on texts to assess interpretation, inference extrapolation beyond the text and across the text.

Marking: 2 marks for each correct answer

- Content: 1 mark

- Expression: 1 mark

No marks to be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

(i) How, according to Buddha, can one obtain peace of mind? (The Sermon at Benares)

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- to draw out the arrow/ get rid of lamentation, complain and grief
 - by which one becomes composed and obtains peace of mind
 - one who overcomes all sorrow, who understands that 'Death is inevitable' —will be blessed with peace (any other relevant point)
- (any two)

(ii) “Don’t bite your nails Amanda!

Don’t hunch your shoulders Amanda!”

What does this reflect about Amanda’s mother and Amanda?

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- Amanda’s mother is irritated / annoyed / frustrated / exasperated
- Amanda does not respond / react at that moment
- She escapes into the world of imagination
- (any other relevant point)

(iii) Walt Whitman in ‘Animals’ shows his preference for living with animals. Justify.

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- Animals - placid peaceful, self-contained and happy
 - show innate goodness which human beings lack
 - do not grumble and whine
 - (any other relevant point)
- (any two)

(iv) Write a brief character sketch of Lomov. (The Proposal)

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- thirty-five years old.
 - unmarried
 - quarrelsome / opportunist / argumentative
 - has a heart condition
 - self-centred / land owner
 - funny and comical character
 - nervous while proposing to Natalya
 - e.g. quarrel over a piece of land and over a petty issue of a dog
 - (any other relevant point)
- (any two)

(v) What are the essential qualities for becoming a scientist, according to Ebright’s (The Making of a Scientist)

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- sharp brain/ first rate mind
 - observant
 - driving curiosity
 - keen interest in subject and strong will to win
 - should have a healthy competitive spirit
 - (any other relevant point)
- (any two)

(vi) Describe the feelings of the young lawyer when he came to know the reality of the hack driver.

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- as long as the lawyer did not know that hack driver was Lutkins himself he enjoyed his company.
- when identity was revealed—felt hurt

(any other relevant point)
(any two)

(vii) What attracts visitors to Coorg? (Glimpses of India)

Ans. Suggested Value Points:
- Nature in its purest form
- evergreen rain forests
- rolling hills
- river Kaveri
- biodiversity
- adventure sports
- coffee plantation
- spice plantation
- Malabar squirrels
(any other relevant point)
(any two)

7. Answer any two questions of the following in about 120 words each: $4 \times 2 = 8$
Objective: To understand, appreciate and interpret the themes and ideas of the text

Marking: 4 marks for each correct answer

- Content: 2 marks
- Expression: 2 marks

(i) Matilda realised that one little act of negligence can lead to total ruin. What do you learn from this and how would you move on in life? (The Necklace)

Ans. Suggested Value points:
- Matilda lost the necklace she borrowed
- bought a new one, that used all her savings
- borrowed money
- to live within your means
- to accept / own your mistakes
- to accommodate and change according to the situation
- face the reality and challenges of life
- should not be discontented
(any other relevant point)
(any four)

(ii) Imagine you are Bholi and you have been invited to give a speech on the importance of girl education. Write a speech on 'Girl Education and Empowerment'.

Ans. Suggested Value Points:
- Can begin with an appropriate quote
- right to education
- education brings confidence, self-respect, empowerment
- equal opportunity
- study new things, acquire skills and learn facts
- removes prejudices
- creates job opportunities
- helps remove social evils / discrimination
- empowers women
(Any other relevant point)
(any four)

(iii) Valli was a mature girl and ahead of her age. Justify the statement with evidence from the text. (Madam Rides the Bus)

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

- an eight-year-old village girl
 - firm determination to ride the bus
 - meticulous planner
 - saves money
 - mature, clever ,curious, practical
 - travels alone, confident about herself
 - appreciates nature
 - accepts the reality of life
 - faces the reality of life courageously
- (any other relevant point)
(any four)

