

### SECTION - A

1. **Read the passage given below and answer the following questions carefully.**

Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 meters at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements. The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400-meter final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.

From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Bajnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced". He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. It returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted

against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed in the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."

Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life. "Running had thus become my God, my religion, and my beloved". My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit, and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach." On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training. "I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would increase my speed to such an extent that after my rounds, I would vomit blood or drop-down down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me and asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

- (i) **Milkha Singh was known as \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**And what did he realise while running on the track?** [1]
- (ii) **Milkha Singh is a very big athlete. Mention any of his two achievements.** [1]
- (iii) **What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow?** [1]

- (iv) State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice. [1]
- (v) Write a similar word of the following from the passage – "Praising" [1]
- (vi) Write opposite word of the following from the passage :- Joints [1]

2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions carefully.

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention, and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home. Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever-widening generation gap.

Only reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and top many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, and learned to adjust within their means. They had perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was a deep respect for the family elders and love, care, and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

- (i) Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family. [1]
- (ii) Who, according to the passage, is responsible for children? [1]
- (iii) Explain the expression 'charity begins at home'. [1]
- (iv) Describe the atmosphere in joint families. [1]

- (v) How can we say that our forefathers' life was perfect? [1]
- (vi) Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life'? [1]
- (vii) Why are children handled with tact in today's time? [1]
- (viii) Write a similar word of the following from the passage: "Descent" [1]
- (ix) Write the opposite word of the following from the passage: "Economical" [1]

### SECTION B [WRITING]

3. You are Vinita living in Jodhpur. Last week, you went to Jaipur. Write a letter to your friend Radha describing to her how you enjoyed this trip. You may take the help of the following points. [5]

- (i) With whom did you go to Jaipur?
- (ii) Where did you stay?
- (iii) Duration of the trip.
- (iv) The places where you visited
- (v) What things did you buy?

OR

Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India on the issue of loudspeakers and give your viewpoints on the topic. [5]

4. Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it. [4]

Dog ..... greedy. .... searched for food  
 ..... finding no man ..... bone with  
 meat ..... came out of the shop  
 ..... solitary place ..... safe to him.  
 So he ..... river ..... bridge.  
 ..... saw own reflection ..... be  
 alone ..... mouth the bone fell into the  
 water ..... badly afterward ..... lost  
 what he had...

OR

Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it. [4]

A fox ..... hungry ..... here and there  
 ..... in searched of food ..... went  
 ..... vineyard ..... saw ..... a bunch  
 ..... ripe and sweet ..... came .....  
 mouth ..... wanted ..... very high .....  
 couldn't reach ..... jumped ..... in vain  
 sad ..... sour.

5. Write a paragraph on the topic of the conservation of wild animals in about 60 words. [4]

OR

Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of given visual aid. [4]



**SECTION C**  
**[GRAMMAR]**

6. Choose the correct form of the verb:
- (i) Kunal \_\_\_\_\_ (search) the same issue for a long time. [1]  
 (a) has been searching  
 (b) had been searching  
 (c) will be searching  
 (d) will have been searching
- (ii) The guard instructed the people and \_\_\_\_\_ (inform) them that they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) about to enter the canal. [1]  
 (a) informed, was (b) informed, will be  
 (c) informed, are (d) informed, were
- (iii) Meenal and Soniya \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) the topic and \_\_\_\_\_ (find) on the spot as the red car arrived. [1]  
 (a) Were discussing, found.  
 (b) Was discussing, found.  
 (c) Will be discussing, found.  
 (d) Have been discussing, found.
- (iv) Time and tide \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for none. [1]  
 (a) Waits (b) wait  
 (c) will wait (d) shall wait
7. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:
- (i) Vishal said to Neeraj, "May God bless you!" [1]  
 (ii) Mr. Gupta said to me, "hurrah! We have done it successfully." [1]

8. Rewrite the following sentences using connectives given in the brackets:

- (i) Rakesh should not do it. He prepares well. (unless/so-that) [1]  
 (ii) I want to visit the place. Everyone has been playing cricket. (Where) [1]  
 (iii) Kailash knew the rule. He knew the solution. (as well as) [1]

9. Join the following sentences using the Relative Pronoun, given in the brackets:

- (i) I have seen the brave lion. Its colour is brown. (Whose) [1]  
 (ii) The manager and the customer are very intelligent people. They are helping each other. (Who) [1]

10. Change the following sentences into Passive-Voices.

- (i) They say that electricity runs faster than air. [1]  
 (ii) The teacher has completed the course and other tasks. [1]

11. Frame the question to get the following answer:

- (i) Radha liked the red car. (Which) [1]  
 (ii) Add Question - Tag to the statement given below:  
 One must follow one's dream, \_\_\_\_\_? [1]

**SECTION - D**  
**[TEXT-BOOK]**

12. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

I cabled to England, and when, three days later, nothing had happened, I tried to telephone. The call had to be booked twenty-four hours in advance. On the first day, the line was out of order. On the second day, the exchange was closed for a religious holiday. On the third day, there was another breakdown. My friend left, and I arranged to meet him in a week's time. Five days later, my mail arrived. I carried it to my bedroom to read, and there, squatting on the floor, were two Arabs; besides them lay a sack that squirmed from time to time. They handed me a note from my friend; "Here is your otter".

- (i) The narrator cabled to \_\_\_\_\_. [1]  
 (a) Brazil (b) America  
 (c) England (d) West Indies

- (ii) On the first day, the line was out of order. On the second day, the exchange was closed for a \_\_\_\_\_. [1]  
 (a) Religious holiday (b) National holiday  
 (c) Natural holiday (d) Calamity holiday
- (iii) What did happen on the first day of the author's trying to make a call? [1]
- (iv) What did the author encounter when he entered his room? [1]
- (v) Find out the word from the passage which means:- 'Sitting'. [1]
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which has the opposite meaning of "Unsecured" [1]
13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:  
 Siddharth wandered for seven years and finally decided to sit down under a peepal tree, where he took an oath to stay there until he got enlightenment. Just after seven days, he attained enlightenment, he name the tree under which he sat, the bodhi Tree, and began to teach and share his new understandings. At that point, he became known as the Buddha (the awakened or the enlightened). The buddha preached his first sermon in the city of Benares, the holiest of the dipping places on the river Ganges.
- (i) Buddha wandered here and there for around \_\_\_\_\_ years. [1]  
 (a) Two (b) Ten  
 (c) Five (d) Seven
- (ii) Buddha stands for \_\_\_\_\_. [1]  
 (a) the awakened or the enlightened  
 (b) the awakened or the unenlightened  
 (c) the awkward or the enlightened  
 (d) the awakened or the intoxicated in pride
- (iii) What name did Buddha give to the tree? [1]
- (iv) Having attained enlightenment, what did Buddha start doing? [1]
- (v) Find out a similar word from the passage which means:- "Conscious" [1]
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which has the opposite meaning of: "Abandoned" [1]
14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words : [5]

Why did Anne Frank think that she could confide more in her diary than in the people?  
 (From the diary of Anne Frank)

OR

Why is the presence of a baker's furnace in the village absolutely necessary? What does this tell you about the social and family life of the Portuguese? Explain.

(Baker from Goa)

15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20 words:

(i) Write down the final advice of Chubukov to both Lomov and Natalya. (The proposal) [2]

OR

(ii) What does Lomov think when he is alone? (The proposal)

16. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: [4]

*"Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,  
 And Link and Blink chased lions down the stairs,  
 Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,  
 But Custard cried for a nice safe cage."*

- (i) How do you think - Belinda was?  
 (ii) What was the reason for Custard behind always crying for a safe cage?

OR

Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:

*"An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
 As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down  
 All his young days into the harbour where  
 His ball went. I would not intrude on him;  
 A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now  
 He senses first responsibility  
 In a world of possessions."*

- (i) How has the loss affected the boy?  
 (ii) Why does the poet say 'I would not intrude on him?'

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words: [2×2 = 4]

- (i) "But if it had to perish twice". How will the world perish twice? (Fire and Ice)  
 (ii) Describe a few characteristics of a chameleon. (How to tell wild animals)  
 (iii) What is the central theme of the poem Amanda? (Amanda)



18. Choose the correct answer:

- (i) What is being referred to as the "strange incident" that happened in the study? [1]  
 (a) Griffin's stealing money being invisible  
 (b) Griffin's arriving at the inn during the off-season  
 (c) Griffin's pretending to be waiting for a cheque  
 (d) None of the above
- (ii) What did the Tehsildar ask Ramlal to do? [1]  
 (a) Drop him back to the city  
 (b) Have dinner with him  
 (c) Send his daughters to school  
 (d) None of the above

19. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words: [1×4 = 4]

- (i) How did Lutkins befool the lawyer?  
 (The Hack driver)

OR

- (ii) Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist.

(The making of a scientist)

20. Answer any two out of the three following questions in about 20 words. [2×2=4]

- (i) Why did Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal?  
 (Bholi)
- (ii) Describe Think-Tank in your own words.  
 (The Book that Saved the Earth)
- (iii) How was the problem of a Necklace solved?  
 (The Necklace)

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SECTION - A

1.

- (i) Milkha Singh was known as 'The Flying Sikh'. He realised how inconsequential his talent was. He also realised that he needed to prepare well to test his mettle against the best athletes in the world.
- (ii) The only athlete to win 400 meters at the Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games. Won gold in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. His national record stood unbroken for 40 years.
- (iii) Every morning he would rise at the crack of the dawn, get into his sports kit and dash off to the track, where he would run two or three miles cross-country with his coach.
- (iv) He was drained of all energy. He would vomit blood or drop-down unconscious through sheer exercise.
- (v) Applauding
- (vi) Cracks.

2.

- (i) Too much independence and no time for studies and family.
- (ii) Parents themselves.
- (iii) The parent should not forget that it is in giving that one receives.
- (iv) In joint families, children get a friendly atmosphere and they also learn to adjust within means.
- (v) There was a deep respect for the family elders and love, care, and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.
- (vi) Sanctity.
- (vii) Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever-widening generation gap.
- (viii) Generation
- (ix) Extravagance

**SECTION B**  
**[WRITING]**

3. 74<sup>th</sup> Arya Nagar  
Mahamandir 3<sup>rd</sup> pole  
Jodhpur (Raj.)

21 March 20XX

Dear Radha,

I am hale and hearty here and hope the same for you. I want to inform you about my tour with my family to Jaipur. My parents, brother and sister and I bought the ticket for the Volvo bus. The journey was comfortable and enjoyable. We stayed there at the Raajmahal Palace Hotel. It was no less than a palace.

The duration of the trip was for four days. We visited the Jantar-Mantar, the City Palace, the Govind Devji Temple, and Jaigarh forts and the Legislative Assembly Building. Then, we found a quite famous place whose food was exceptional to be eaten. We bought quilts, bedsheets and costumes of Sangneri prints. Thus, I enjoyed it a lot in the rest of the day.

With kind regards to your parents and love to young ones.

Your loving friend  
Vinita

OR

74<sup>th</sup> Arya Nagar  
Mahamandir 3<sup>rd</sup> pole  
Jodhpur (Raj.)

04 Nov 20XX

The Editor  
The Times of India  
Jodhpur (Raj.)

Subject – On the issue of loudspeakers.

Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to bring your kind attention towards the nuisance of loudspeakers.

The use of loudspeakers has really increased in the form of rallies, functions, festivals, etc. The extreme use of loudspeakers is particularly harmful to the elders or senior citizens. At least a month before these festivals, clubs and other associations start playing loudspeakers announcing various news. Due to this, students are unable to concentrate on their studies properly and annual exams are going to be conducted soon. Besides, this is very harmful to the health of children, elders as well as animals. Children below the age of five years are not accustomed to such loud noises. This can have a long-term effect on their bodies as well as the hearing organs.

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I believe, I would be able to draw the attention of the concerned people towards the issue and I request them to check up on this issue as soon as possible.

Thanking you

Yours truly  
Kavita

4.

**A GREEDY DOG**

Once upon a time, there was a greedy dog. He was hungry and wandering hither and thither in search of a meal. Having spent a lot of time, he reached a butcher's shop which was filled with an uninterrupted lull. Finding no one there, the dog picked up a bone with meat on it.

He thought to enjoy it alone. So, he went to an isolated place where none could disturb him. Having had it, he went to a riverbank. But this bank too did not seem to be safe to him. So he thought to go to the other bank of the river.

While crossing the bridge, he gazed at his own reflection in the still water. He thought there was another dog with a big bone in its mouth. Being a greedy creature, he wanted to have that second bone as well. So, he yelled at the other dog; which was nothing but he himself, and the bone dropped into the water. Suddenly he realized there was

nothing but he himself. He felt very sad to lose this bone. In his attempt to get the whole piece, he lost what he had.

**Moral:** Be content with what you have.

OR

#### THE HUNGRY FOX AND THE GRAPES

Once upon a time, there was a fox in a dark and dense forest. One afternoon, it was feeling quite hungry. Now being hungry, it went here and there in search of food. But for a couple of hours, it was all in vain. It went to a vineyard in which there were a number of fruits. Finally, a bunch of ripe and sweet grapes caught its eyes as a result, it felt like a watery mouth. It wanted to have them but it was not easy to have them, as the bunch was very high. The fox could not reach it. It jumped and jumped but in vain, it couldn't get them. This tiring task made the fox quite unhappy. To lose all the hopes, it went away saying "The grapes are sour."

**Moral** - Grapes out of reach are said to be sour.

#### 5. CONSERVATION OF WILD ANIMAL

Animals have a huge importance in our nature. We perhaps don't see any direct connection between agriculture and animals. But most of the animals have a huge contribution to agriculture and food growing sources. These animals have been an integral part of our life; as they have their existence to balance the other elements of nature which directly affect our presence. Besides, they keep the food chain normal. If any of them go extinct the food chain gets disturbed and nature becomes polluted.

One of the biggest reasons is human predators who hunt animals for their personal gain. These innocent animals help us with farming and lots of household work. In the previous time, people were too dependent on them. The horse was the best option for communication and the elephant was for transporting goods. Without them, our existence is impossible. So, we all must save them.

OR

#### A SCENE OF A ZOO

Once I went to stroll in a zoo with my friends, where we saw a number of animals and birds. A zoo is a place where children, as well as adults, learn a lot about animals and birds. It is a good way to learn new things about the other inhabitants of the world. A zoo is a source of having a closer look at nature. There were hundreds of people in the zoo along with their friends and family members. There were separate cages and dens for the animals and birds. We saw a variety of animals and birds in the zoo and found a number of amazing facts about them and their lives. It was an outstanding experience for all of us that we had together.

#### SECTION C [GRAMMAR]

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- (i) (a) Has been searching
- (ii) (d) informed, were
- (iii) (a) Were discussing, found.
- (iv) (a) Waits

7.

- (i) Vishal wished Neeraj that God might bless him.
- (ii) Mr. Gupta exclaimed with joy and told me that we had done it successfully.

8.

- (i) Rakesh should not do it unless he prepares well.
- (ii) I want to visit the place where everyone has been playing cricket.
- (iii) Kailash knew the rule as well as the solution.

9.

- (i) I Have seen the brave lion whose colour is brown.
- (ii) The manager and the customer who are helping each other, are very intelligent people.

10.

- (i) It is said that electricity runs faster than air.
- (ii) The course and other tasks have been completed by the teacher.

11.

- (i) **Which** car did Radha like? (Which)
- (ii) **Mustn't one?**

**SECTION - D  
(TEXTBOOK)**

12.

- (i) (c) England
- (ii) (b) Religious holiday
- (iii) The line was out of order.
- (iv) There were two Arabs with a sack.
- (v) Squatting
- (vi) Booked

13.

- (i) (d) Seven
- (ii) (a) The awakened or the enlightened
- (iii) He named the tree "the Bodhi Tree".
- (iv) He began to teach and share his new understanding of life.
- (v) awakened
- (vi) Attained

14. Anne got a diary as a gift on her thirteenth birthday. First, she didn't like the idea of writing a diary at all. But then she felt like writing because she had to get all kinds of things off her chest. She felt lonely, bored, and depressed, though she had loving parents, a sister, and thirty others. She found a real friend in her diary 'Kitty'. Moreover, she realized the truth lying in the fact that paper has more patience than people. She did not plan to let anyone else read her diary unless she ever found a real friend. So she could confide in more ideas in her diary than in people because people are not always interested in listening to what you are telling them. But a diary conceals all your secrets.

**OR**

The presence of a baker's furnace in the village is absolutely necessary. Though the old bakers have died but their offspring still continue the family profession. The sweet loaves of bread are very popular. Even in the marriage gift, it is of utmost importance to include sweet bread, sandwiches, Bolinhas, and other bakery items. These items are prepared in furnaces that still exist. It throws light on the family and social life of the people. Modernity must not be at the cost of forgetting our own traditions. The elders

have the wisdom to enrich the younger generations' radical views. There must be a balance between the traditional and social ethos and modern views.

15

Chubukov advised both Natalaya and Lomov to begin their family bliss and live together peacefully.

**OR**

Lomov thinks that Natalaya is a suitable girl who is a housekeeper, beautiful, and well-educated. It is impossible for him to marry. Firstly, he is already thirty-five. Secondly, He suffers from palpitations. He is excited and always gets upset.

16.

- (i) She was as brave as a barrel full of bears.
- (ii) The reason behind crying was that he was a really cowardly dragon.

**OR**

- (i) He is troubled and shocked at the loss.
- (ii) He wants the boy to learn the meaning of loss on his own.

17.

- (i) Robert says that if the world shall end twice, it will surely end. It will end due to hatred. The poet feels that hatred is spreading much among the people of the world. It is a very sad thing. This shall end the world one day.
- (ii) A chameleon is an orchard lizard and is an expert at camouflage. It changes its colour according to its surroundings. This ability of camouflage helps it in saving it from the hunters. A chameleon does not have any ears or wings.
- (iii) The poem Amanda by Robin Klein highlights the importance of the upbringing of a child. It is important to note that upbringing involves understanding from both sides. One cannot just force a child to be civilized and well-mannered. Love and proper care are required in nurturing a child.

18.

- (i) (a) Griffin's stealing money being invisible
- (ii) (c) Send his daughters to school.

19.

- (i) Oliver Lutkins was the hack driver. He impressed the narrator with his simplicity and pleasant appearance. He introduced



himself as Bill. The hack driver made a complete fool of the narrator by taking him to all the places where he could find Lutkins but every time missed him by a fraction of a minute. He gave him his company as if he were a true helper and behaved quite friendly with the lawyer that he couldn't make any doubt that Bill himself could be the one whom he was finding. He had a good understanding with his town folks who helped him in befooling the lawyer.

OR

Richard's mother played a huge role in making him a great scientist. She would take him on trips to encourage learning. He was the only child. After his father's death, his mother made him the focus of her life. She got him all kinds of microscopes, telescopes, and other equipment. After dinner, she gave him problems to solve. This helped Richard to learn a lot. She was his only companion for a long time. It was his mother who got him the book 'The Travels of Monarch X'. This book opened the world of science for Richard. She also wrote to Dr. Urquhart to guide her son. The scientist helped Richard and guided him. Thus, his mother actually shaped him into an extraordinary scientist.

20.

- (i) Bholi's parents accepted Bishamber's marriage proposal as he was a well-to-do grocer and had not asked for any dowry. He was also unaware of Bholi's backwardness; Besides her pockmarks. All these reasons made them accept the proposal.
- (ii) Think-Tank is the ruler of the planet Mars. His head is huge and egg-shaped. He is very proud of his Intelligence and might. But he is terrified when he is shown a picture of Humpty-Dumpty on Earth.
- (iii) Having been fulfilled Matilda's demand for a new dress by her husband, she demanded a piece of jewelry to be worn at the party. Ultimately, Mr. Loisal advised her to borrow some jewels from her rich friend, Mme Forestier. Thus, the problem was solved.