

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE TEXTBOOK.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)**I Read the passage given below.****12**

1. The road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!
2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.
3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is the same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
4. 'Success' is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others. It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent.

The abundance of positive attitude underlines the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

6. Success can be measured from two standpoints - the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

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

- i **Why does the writer say that the road to success is not straight?** 1

[Para 1]-

- A. It has many curves & loops in it.
- B. It offers many opportunities for success.
- C. It offers multiple challenges..
- D. It offers a plethora of solutions.

- ii **Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Para[1]-** 1

Engine: DriverGod.

- iii **Select the option that shows what the writer wants to say with Reference to the following-** 1

In spite of our preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise.

[para 2] -

- A. warning
- B. challenge
- C. doubt
- D. conviction.

- iv **Difference between disaster and triumph lies in** 1

- A. Sulking and moving forward
- B. Not being prepared to face disaster
- C. Dreading to face disaster
- D. Willing to weather the storm

- v **Complete the following with a phrase from para-3-** 1

Opinion	Reason
	To work smarter

- vi **The writer brings out the difference between disaster and triumph. State one point of dissimilarity? (Para2)** 1

- vii Success can be measured by two standpoints: the external & the internal. Externally it is measured as the measure of a job well done & recognition. 1
Internally it is _____.
- A] completion of a task
B] fulfillment of desire
C] job well done & recognition
D] the feeling of achievement & wholeness.
- viii **Evaluate the inappropriate reason the writer says "We don't remember sports stars for the items they endorse"** 1
- A. Their persona captures our imagination.
B. They inspire us to play the sport they play.
C. They inspire us to adopt team spirit.
D. They inspire us to donate for the products they endorse.
- ix **Success can be best described as _____** 1
- A. Material achievement.
B. A lavish lifestyle.
C. Holistic & positive approach towards others.
D. An accidental turn of life.
- x Success comes to those who have a clear thought process. 1
Find a word from Para 2 which is opposite to this view.
- xi Explain how failure has been defined in the paragraph. 2
- II Read the passage given below.** 10
1. People in only 12 out of 35 States (Figures are for undivided Andhra Pradesh) and Union Territories had overwhelmingly chosen Hindi as the first choice for communication. Among the rest, while a few chose Hindi as their second or third language of communication, a majority of them chose English, according to the results of the 2011 language Census released in 2018. About 43.63% of the total population said their mother tongue was Hindi.
 2. Which Indian States are primarily Hindi-speaking according to the language Census?
 3. The 2011 Census data shows that most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India, do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted the language as a secondary language. Most southern and north-eastern States are not

Hindi-speaking and have adopted English as their secondary language. The statistical analysis shows the State Wise percentage of people who stated that Hindi was their first, second, or third choice of language. Most of the 12 States and Union Territories that chose Hindi as their first choice were located in northern and central India - over 96% of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh speak Hindi.

4. The share of Hindi-speaking people in Gujarat is significantly lower than most States. The southern and north-eastern states, apart from Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, have the lowest proportion of Hindi-speaking population among all states.
5. In Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh states, the largest number of people have chosen Hindi as their second language. With 92% of the population opting for Hindi as second language, we can say that these states are the Hindi heartland.

Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow: 10

- i **Give one reason for the following based on information from para 1** 1
- The people from S. India & N.E. INDIA, choose Hindi as second or Third language.
 - ii **Which states have adopted English as their secondary language of communication?** 1
 - I. Southern states of India
 - II. Northern states of India
 - III. North-Eastern states of India
 - IV. Central states of India
- OPTIONS-**
- A. I and II
 - B. I and III
 - C. III and IV
 - D. I, II and III
- iii **Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from para 3 with reference to popularity of Hindi-** 1
North India : Hindi : : South India : : ____.
 - iv **Hindi speaking population in Arunachal Pradesh is :** 1
 - A. lowest among the north-eastern and southern states.
 - B. higher than other north-eastern states.
 - C. lowest among the north-eastern states.
 - D. higher than other north-eastern and southern states.

- v Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below- 1
— The share of Hindi speaking people in Gujrat is significantly LOWER, than MOST states. [Para 4]
- A) The LOWER in calories, the MOST in nutrition.
 - B) Make MOST of your time, LOWER, the rate of failure.
 - C) The MOST powerful politician, the LOWER in humility.
 - D) The literacy rate in Bihar is LOWER than MOST states in India.

- vi People of most states and union territories located in northern and central India : 1
- A. speak their own mother tongue rather than English or Hindi to communicate.
 - B. speak English as their first language of communication.
 - C. chose Hindi as their first choice of language for communication.
 - D. are divided in the usage of English and Hindi in their daily life for communication.

- vii Fill up the blank by selecting the correct option- 1
- The choice of Hindi as Third Language in South India, showed _____ results.
- A. expected
 - B. questionable
 - C. encouraging
 - D. inconsistent

- viii Which of the following statements truly present facts- 1
- A. Sikkim has the lowest Hindi speaking population among all states.
 - B. People of 12 out of 35 states and union territories chose Hindi as their first choice for communication.
 - C. Most Southern and North-Eastern states of India have adopted English as the secondary language of communication.
 - D. Over 96% of the population in Southern India speaks Hindi as their first language of communication.

OPTIONS-

- (i) 2 and 3
 - (ii) 1 and 4
 - (iii) 3 and 4
 - (iv) 1 and 2
- ix Substitute the word underlined with a word similar in meaning in the following sentence from para 4- 1

- Arunachal & Sikkim have lowest PROPORTION of Hindi speaking population.

x According to 2011 census data, most Indian States, apart from a handful of States in northern and central India,

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- A. primarily speak Hindi and the rest have adopted it as a secondary language
- B. primarily speak Hindi
- C. have adopted English as a secondary language
- D. do not primarily speak Hindi but have adopted it as a secondary language

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. The State Government of Maharashtra has decided to take strict measures on the hawkers' encroachment on roads. Draft an e-mail to the editor of a local daily expressing your concern for the jobless hawkers. 3

4. Write a factual description in not more than 100 words, of a musical instrument your parents gifted you on your birthday 4

5a You are Sakshi/Saksham, Hostel Warden, Radha Krishna Public School, Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances Ltd., New Delhi, placing an order for fans, microwaves, ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Also ask for discount permissible on the purchase. 7

Or

5b Women safety is a key factor for promoting tourism in any place. Many times poor visitors in India experience the incidents of taunting and harassment. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words expressing views on the topic "Atithi Devo Bhava : Not to preach rather to practice".

6a Write an article titled "Joint Family - A Boon to the Growing Child", to be published in your school magazine in 150-200 words. You are Shashi/Shashibala. 8 marks 8

Or

6b Grow more trees to reduce pollution. Write an article in 100-120 words on the topic given above for your school magazine

SECTION - C GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

7 Complete the tasks A-C, as directed.

(A) Fill the blanks (i) - (iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. After getting up early, the first thing to (a)(doing/do/have done) is reading the morning paper. (b)(lots/many/much) of information 3

(c).....
 (has provided/ is provided/ provided) in the newspaper which is useful for all age groups.

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. 4
 Write the incorrect word and the correction.

A ballot comes to us from the Italian word	Error	correction
Ballota for a little ball and pebble. Italian citizen	(a).....
Once voted with casting a small pebble or ball into one	(b).....
Of the several boxes. Ballots today is still widely used to	(c).....
Voting during elections.	(d).....

;) Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases to create a meaningful sentence 2

(a) nineteenth century / has trebled / life expectancy / science and technology / however / in the

(b) capabilities improved / the number of babies / as technological / per family / went down

i Read the conversation given below between a mother and a daughter- 1

Mother - "Rita, you have to finish your food."

Rita - " I don't want to eat it. You never give me pizza or burger."

Responding to the question of her mother, Rita said that ..

SECTION -D LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 MARKS)

8 Read the given excerpts and answer the question briefly , for Any two excerpts , of the three given 4+4 =8

These couching and these lowly courtesies

Might fire the blood of ordinary men,

And turn pre- ordinance and first decree

into the law of children.

Thy brother by decree is banished :

If thou dost bend and pray, and dawn for him, I

spurn thee, like a cur, out of my way.

(I) Who is the speaker of these lines ? (1) (ii)

Who is being addressed and why ? (1) (iii)

What fails to influence Caesar ? (1) (iv)

- What does he warn him of ? (1)
- B. And on the pedestal these words appear;
 "My name is Ozymandias , king of kings :
 Look upon my works , ye Mighty , and despair !"
- (I) What was carved ? (1)
 (ii) Where was it carved ? (1)
 (iii) Explain : Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair? (1)
 (iv) What do the words written on the pedestal reflect about Ozymandias? (1)
- C Said the frog : "I tried to teach her,
 But she was a stupid creature - Far
 too nervous , far too tense.
 Far too prone to influence.
 Well, poor bird - she should have known (1)
 That your song must be your own." (1)
- (a) Who is the frog talking to ? (1)
 (b) Why did the frog try to teach the nightingale ? (1)
 (c) Why did he call her stupid ? (1)
 (d) What do you think of the frog ?
9. Answer **Any five** of the following six questions in about 30-40 words each 10
- i Why was the author surprised to see two brothers shining shoes? 2
 ii Why had the tiger turned to eating of small animals? 2
 iii Describe the impression of both the sisters (Dear departed) 2
 iv John's apprehension about his wife's reaction to the encounter with the ghost is unfounded . Justify 2
 v Draw a contrast between the characters of Brutus and Antony from the play Julius Caesar 2
 vi How did Patol Babu react to the offer of a role in a film? 2
- 10 Answer **Any one** of the following two questions in about 150 words. (8)
- A** Imagine the traveller of the poem Ozymandias writes a diary entry, narrating his personal impressions about the trunkless statue and feelings about being in the antiques land. You may begin like this
 The moment I saw the vast stretches of sand I couldn't contain my excitement.
 In the midst of this sandy desert , I saw
- B** The story 'The Letter' presents a world that is increasingly becoming dehumanised where people have no time and feelings for others. What values do you think are needed to make it a better place to live in?