

GYAN BHARATI SCHOOL
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English Core (301)
Class-SS2 (SET A)



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Time: 3 hrs

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. This paper has 9 printed sides.

✓ Passage 1: Read the following passage carefully.

1. Avni and Sundari may have made the headlines. Many others make just the footnotes. Over the past two months, India has witnessed dramatic instances of human-wildlife conflict, with villagers in Maharashtra and Odisha demanding removal of tigers they suspect to be "man-eaters". While the controversial killing of six-year-old tigress Avni in Maharashtra on Friday by the son of a government-appointed private shooter, and the relocation of 30-month-old tigress Sundari to Nandankanan zoo in Odisha last month grabbed media attention. The conflict for space occurs every day between wildlife and people living in and around forests.
2. According to data sourced from 23 states that record wildlife-human conflict, by the Union environment ministry, more than 1,608 humans were killed in conflict cases involving tigers, leopards, bears and elephants between 2013 and 2017. These do not include all conflict issues, such as crop raids by animals, not included in schedule 1 of the wildlife protection act, such as monkeys, wild boars and nilgai. There is no data on the number of animals killed by humans in human-wildlife conflict cases. Increasing habitat loss and fragmentation of corridors animals have used for centuries have certainly caused a spurt in cases, making it vital to develop forest fringes to give animals space to survive, experts say. In the area of Gwal Pahari on the Gurugram-Faridabad Road, for example, the district town and country planning department has issued change of land use permissions to at least four builders for large-scale real estate projects in the last two years.
3. Land is a precious commodity and, in a country, where there are many human-human conflicts over it, animals are bound to be second priority. "The main driver for the conflict is loss of habitat. Elephants, for example, move from 600 to 700 sq km in a year and in some extreme cases, male elephants have been known to move up to 2,800 sq km in a year. "But with only 5% of India's geographical area being in the protected area category, these animals don't have the space they require," said M. Ananda Kumar of the Nature Conservation Foundation who focuses on wildlife conflict in the Valaparai region of Tamil Nadu. This isn't a situation particular to Tamil Nadu or Karnataka. The encroachment of elephant corridors in Jharkhand and Odisha has meant the pachyderms stray into agricultural land, resulting in conflict with humans.
4. Nor is this an issue only in the case of elephants. In Gurugram, it is about leopards. "There are two major highways, National Highway 8 and the Gurgaon-Faridbad Road, which cut through leopard habitat and hinder their ability to move around in search of food and water," said Chetan Agarwal, a city-based environment analyst. In 2017, the Wildlife Institute of India recorded 31 leopards across five districts in Haryana including Gurugram. In 2018, a drone mapping survey by the forest department reported the presence of 35 leopards in Gurugram itself. "This boom creates a huge conflict of space for the leopards, which are apex predators and require room to move around," said Pia Sethi of the Centre for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at The Energy Research Institute (TERI). "It is only natural for them to stray outside the corridor, which is already quite narrow and becoming narrower as a result of human activity".

5. Experts say India is unprepared to deal with cases of conflict because of a complete lack of engagement with affected communities. "There is more focus on reactive measures rather than proactive ones such as community engagement. This means we will be absolutely unprepared to deal with conflict in the next 10 years," said Vidya Athreya, a Pune-based wildlife biologist, who specialises in studying leopards. "The government needs to gather knowledge by talking with the affected people and involve stakeholders, like revenue department. Community support is needed to avoid an Avni kind of situation".
6. Since reporting such conflicts is the domain of states, the Centre doesn't know the magnitude of the conflict. "In India, conflict reporting, assessment and associated compensation is administered at local levels, with compensation often not provided for losses inside protected areas," according to a recent paper published in Biological Conservation journal on compensation payments and policies aimed at human wildlife conflicts. The study found large variations in the amount of compensation paid to villagers under various categories. The existing variations in policies, payment procedures, amounts, across Indian states may lead to differential outcomes for wildlife tolerance and persistence across the country," the study said.
7. "Understanding the nature of the issue is a decisive first step towards any kind of solution. For example, in Hassan (Karnataka) where we work, people want transportation for their children to go to school because they fear encountering elephants on the way," said Kumar of NCF. However, Sethi warned that wildlife could only be managed to a certain extent. "While it's true that the situation in the last two years has not been violent, the activities which bring us closer to leopards are continuing unabated," she said. Another reason for increasing incidents of man-animal conflict in the state, Agarwal pointed out, is the Haryana government's reluctance to recognise its own forests. "There are no reserve forests in the state, and deemed forests are only protected in some cases, if they are part of Aravalli plantation land or notified under the Punjab Land Preservation Act," he said. More importantly, many parts of the Aravalli range are set to be excluded from the Natural Conservation Zone, delineated by the National Capital Region Planning Board.

[Adapted from 'The Hindustan Times'—Conflict on rise as animal space shrinks]

Q1. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option.

(12 marks)

- (i) In this passage Avni and Sundari are 1
 (a) tigers (b) elephants (c) villagers (d) reporters
- (ii) Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE? 1
 (a) Data on animals killed by humans includes conflict issues.
 (b) There is abundant data on animals killed by humans.
 (c) Data on humans killed by animals is available with government sources.
 (d) Data about different sources of human-wildlife conflict is not available
- (iii) Which of the following statements is TRUE? 1
 (a) All people believe that wild animals are dangerous and should be killed.
 (b) Killing of wild animals by humans has been generating controversy these days.
 (c) Enough provisions exist to keep wild animals away from humans.
 (d) Humans kill wild animals only in self-defence.
- (iv) Which of the following has caused a spurt in human wildlife conflict? 1
 (a) variations in the amount of compensation (b) Crop raids by wild animals.
 (c) Increase in human populations. (d) Forest encroachment
- (v) Community participation in resolving human wildlife issues is 1
 (a) an expensive solution to the problem (b) not a part of the solution to the problem

(c) an essential part of the solution to the problem (d) a solution that everyone is interested in present times

(vi) The loss of habitat is the chief cause of: 1
(a) human-human conflict
(b) man-animal conflict
(c) extension of forest areas
(d) abundance of water

(vii) What is the role of forests in generating human-wildlife conflicts? 1

(viii) How does growing human population endanger wildlife? 1

(ix) How can community participation contribute towards resolving the problems between humans and wildlife? 1

(x) How in your opinion can payment of compensation for human-wildlife conflict impact attitudes of people towards wildlife? 1

(xi) Identify any two organisations that are working at the forefront to reduce human wildlife conflict? 1

(xii) Infer the use of 'pachyderms' as used in the given line from para 3. 1

The encroachment of elephant corridors in Jharkhand and Odisha has meant the pachyderms stray into agricultural land, resulting in conflict with humans.

Identify the sentence that demonstrates the incorrect usage of 'pachyderms' as used above.

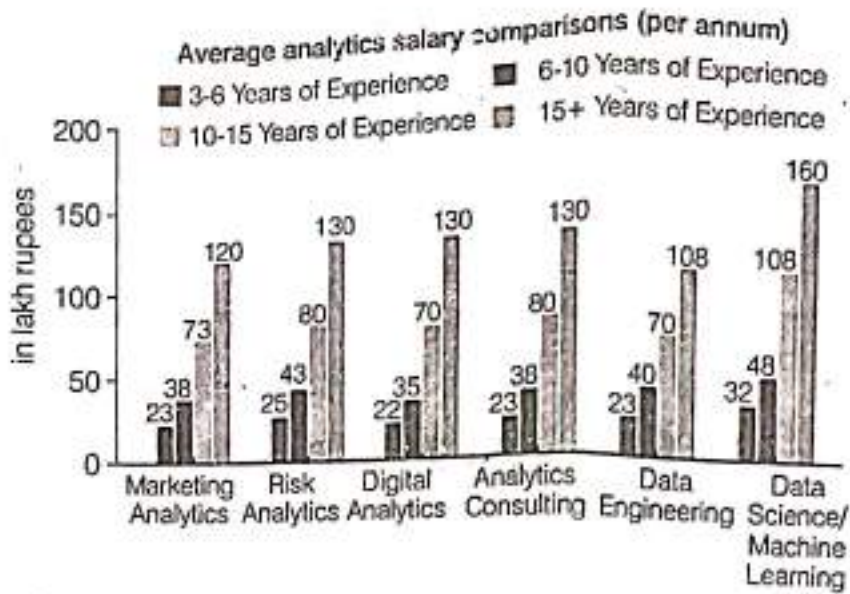
- (a) The pachyderms' roars echoed throughout the jungle all night.
- (b) The sanctuary provided a safe haven for all the injured and orphaned pachyderms.
- (c) The documentary showcased the life of pachyderms like crocodiles and alligators.
- (d) The riverbank showed clear evidence of pachyderm activity, with massive footprints and uprooted trees.

1. a & d 2. b & d 3. c & a 4. d & c

Passage 2: Read the following passage carefully.

- I. The 21st century will be ruled by data. Data Science has become an indispensable part of many businesses and industries. It provides valuable insights into customer behaviour that can lead to increased conversions, more detailed market analysis for competitive advantage in pricing strategies or product development, improved operational efficiency and minimised risk exposure through accurate forecasting models.
- II. The emergence of disruptive technologies like IoT, digital media platforms, smartphones, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, blockchain and quantum computing has ushered in an era where Data Science will be central to organisational success. As organisations are turning towards Machine Learning, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence, the demand for data science roles is seeing a sustained and accelerating upward surge. Since 2012, the Data Science sector has witnessed a massive hike of 650%, far outpacing other sectors.
- III. Therefore, transitioning to data science is a smart move as it fetches far higher comparative returns. For instance, transitioning from a marketing analytics job to a data science job leads to a 37% salary growth on average.

Fig 1:



- IV. Similarly, the expected salary growth when people switch from digital analytics to data science is 31% on average. For someone transitioning from a data engineering role to a data science role, the salary hike could be as high as 44%. According to recruitment firm Michael Page's 2021 India Talent Trends report, data science professionals with 3-10 years of experience get annual salaries in the 25-65 lakh range, while those with more experience can command pay packages upwards of 1 crore.
- V. Professionals with over 15 years of experience can get paid up to 1.8 crores. Similarly, the average annual pay hike for data science professionals falls between 20-30% compared with 15-20% for professionals from other backgrounds. India Inc is witnessing the rapid digitization of businesses and services, making it the second-largest hub for data science in the world. Analysts predict that the country will have more than 11 million job openings by 2026. In fact, since 2019, hiring in the data science industry has increased by 46%.
- VI. Data Science and Machine Learning have a steep learning curve. Even though there is a huge influx of data scientists in India every year, very few people have the required expertise and specialisation. As a result, there is a surging demand for professionals with specialised data skills.

Q2. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option. (10 marks) 1

- (a) Select the option that displays the true statement with reference to Fig 1.
- (a) The Marketing Analytics professionals with a working experience between 6-10 years are the lowest paid professionals in the market today.
- (b) The Risk Analytics professionals who have a work experience of 6-10 years are the most paid.
- (c) The Data Science professionals with a working experience of more than 15 years are the highest paid professionals in the market today.
- (d) The Digital Analytics professionals who have a work experience of 10 - 15 years when move towards Analytics Consulting easily get a hike of 5 lac per annum in their salaries.
- (b) Infer why technologies like smartphones, AI etc are stated as 'disruptive technologies' in Para II. 1

According to the passage, one of the reasons for why Data Science has become an indispensable part of many businesses and industries is that 1

- (a) people are getting hike in salaries after learning data science analytics.
- (b) it provides valuable insights into the understanding of the customer behaviour.
- (c) it helps in analysing the unpredictable patterns of the market and consumers.
- (d) transitioning to data science is not a smart move as it does not fetch higher comparative returns.

(d) Read the two statements given below and select the option that suitably explains them. 1

- (1) Data Science and Machine Learning have a steep learning curve.
- (2) Even though there is a huge influx of data scientists in India every year, very few people have the required expertise and specialisation. As a result, there is a surging demand for professionals with specialised data skills.
- (a) (1) is the problem and (2) is the consequence. (b) (1) is false but (2) correctly explains (1)
- (c) (1) summarises (2) (d) (1) is true and (2) is the reason for (1)

(e) Based on your reading of the passage, select the appropriate counter-argument to the given argument. 1

Argument - One should always decide one's career and professional field based on the financial perks of the field.

- (a) Choice of career is not as integral as the financial profits in a particular field.
- (b) A person's choice of career should solely circulate around the growth offered in the financial aspect of the career.
- (c) A person's choice of career should depend on the overall growth including learning aspect, financial benefits, communicational benefits, that the field offers.
- (d) Data science is the field that offers the most financial profits and thus, should be chosen as a person's career.

f) Select the central idea of the paragraph preceding paragraph IV. 1

- (a) The transitioning to data science is not a smart move and should not be encouraged.
- (b) The transitioning from a marketing analytics job to a data science job leads to a plunge in the salary on average.
- (c) The transitioning from a marketing analytics job to a data science job leads to a boost in the salary on average.
- (d) The transitioning to data science leads to organisational success by minimising the attrition rate.

g) Select the option that displays the correct cause-effect relationship. 1

	Cause	Effect
(a)	I just quit my previous job as a data science professional and will start as a digital analytics professional tomorrow.	My salary saw a hike of 35% on the switch.

	Cause	Effect
(b)	I just quit my previous job as a digital analytics professional and will start as a data science professional tomorrow.	My salary saw a hike of 35% on the switch.

	Cause	Effect
(c)	I just quit my previous job as a data science professional and will start as a digital analytics professional tomorrow.	My salary saw a drop of 35% on the switch.

	Cause	Effect
(d)	I just quit my previous job as a digital analytics professional and will start as a data science professional tomorrow.	My salary saw no hike or drop and remained constant as I was a fresher in the field.

- (h) Select the correct inference with reference to the following statement:
 '...the average annual pay hike for data science professionals falls between 20-30% compared to 15-20% for professionals from other backgrounds.' 1
- (a) There is a lot of scope of annual increment for professionals from any other background than data science.
- (b) There isn't much scope of annual increment for professionals from any other background than data science.
- (c) There is a lot of scope of annual increment for data science professionals.
- (d) There isn't much scope of annual increment for data science professionals.
- (i) 'Data Science and Machine Learning have a steep learning curve'. Explain the statement in your own words. 1
- (j) List any two positives of switching over to data sciences as per the given analytical paragraph. 1

SECTION B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 marks)

- Q3. Gandhi Education Society, a charitable organization, is coming to your school to distribute books for the needy students. As Head Boy/Head Girl, write a notice in not more than 50 words asking such students to drop the list of books they need in the drop box kept outside the Principal's office. You are Akhilesh/Abhilasha of Modern Public School, Ghaziabad. Give all necessary details. 4
- Q4. You are a student of St. Joseph Public School, Nainital. The school is holding its annual function on Saturday, the 19th of December, 2023 at 5 p.m. The Education Minister, Dr. M.N. Johri, has consented to be the Chief Guest. Design an invitation to be sent to the parents and other invitees. Do not exceed 50 words. 4
- Q5. You are Prem/Parul, 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of the Marketing Manager in a reputable firm in Mumbai. Draft an application in 100-120 words to the Public Relations Officer, Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai for the job. 5
- Q6. There was a Dengue Mega Vaccination Camp organized in different parts of Delhi on 10/12/23. You are Poorva / Pranav, one of the reporters working for TOI. You were asked to give coverage to the news from Saket. Write a report in 120-150 words for the paper. Invent necessary details. 5

SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

- Q7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow: (6 marks)
- "When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie,
 Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by,
 The tigers in the panel that she made
 Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid."
- Read the statement given below:
- (i) Aunt Jennifer's plight is best explained by her hands, they hold both her freedom and the instrument of her imprisonment. Choose the option that best explains the above statement, as per the extract. 1
- (a) Aunt Jennifer's hands are terrified, but when she is dead her tigers will roam free.
- (b) Aunt Jennifer knits her desires, but is overpowered by her responsibilities.
- (c) Aunt Jennifer's tigers are proud and unafraid, but she is mastered by ringed ordeals.

(d) Aunt Jennifer makes panels of tigers when she has time from her responsibilities.

ii) Which of the following CANNOT be inferred from the given extract? 1

- (a) Aunt Jennifer's tigers will keep her alive in everyone's memory.
- (b) Aunt Jennifer feels oppressed and constricted in her marriage.
- (c) Even in death, Aunt Jennifer cannot escape patriarchal subjugation.
- (d) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance as a lasting symbol of her desires.

iii) What makes the tigers 'proud and unafraid'?

- (a) They embody the grandeur and supremacy of animals in the wild. 1
- (b) They symbolise authority and are 'topaz denizens of green'.
- (c) They represent Aunt's repressed desires for freedom and power even after her death.
- (d) They are a product of Aunt's imagination and colonial experience.

iv) What knitting was to Aunt Jennifer, poetry was to Adrienne Rich! Comment in the light of the poem. 1

v) Which of the following can be said to be the theme associated with the extract? 1

- (a) Art transcends the artist
- (b) Women need to act while alive for liberation
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Male domination transcends centuries of struggle

vi) Would you say that the poem ends on a note of hope? Justify your opinion. 1

Q8. 'Watching him she wondered if the stories they heard sometimes of the sufferings of prison were true. They came like flickers of rumours told by the word of mouth and always contradicted. In the newspapers the reports were always that wherever the Japanese armies went the people received them gladly, with cries of joy at their liberation'. (1x4=4 marks)

(i) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy. 1
Kind : courteous :: Flash : _____

(ii) Which truth about General Takima is unknown to the people? 1

- (a) Fought victoriously in the battle
- (b) Beats his wife at home
- (c) Won the battle of Manchuria
- (d) Received cries of joy

(iii) Based on the extract choose the option which is true for Hana. 1

- 1. She appreciates Japanese army
 - 2. She is empathetic about women
 - 3. She points the biased feature of newspaper
 - 4. She wonders about the sufferings of prisoners
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 3 and 4

(iv) From the given options choose the option that correctly states a fact. 1/2

- (i) Both Sadao and Hana hated Americans.
- (ii) Both were loyal to their nation and thus had to hate the American.
- (iii) Both wanted to take the wounded man to the police.
- (iv) For the sake of humanity both Sadao and Hana decided to treat the wounded POW.

Pick the idiom that best describes the situation in which Sadao and Hana were in on harbouring Tom.
(a) resting on one's oars
(b) like water off a duck's back
(c) to be dead in the water
(d) to be in hot water

Q9: His success in films overshadowed and dwarfed his literary achievements-or so his critics felt. He composed several truly original 'story poems' in folk refrain and diction and also wrote a sprawling novel 'Thillana Mohanambal' with dozens of very deftly etched characters. He quite successfully recreated the mood and manner of the Devadasis of the early 20th century. He was an amazing actor, he never aspired to the lead roles but whatever subsidiary role he played in any of the films, he performed better than the supposed main players. He had a genuine love for anyone he came across and his house was a permanent residence for dozens of near and far relations and acquaintances. (6 marks)

(a) Which of these statements is NOT TRUE about Subbu? 1
(i) His literary accomplishments stole the limelight from his films.
(ii) He was a gifted poet and writer and some of his literary works were noteworthy.
(iii) He was selfless in nature and was empathetic towards others.
(iv) He never hankered after getting lead roles and performed minor roles in films.

(b) The word 'sprawling' has been used with the word 'novel'. Pick the option with which the word 'sprawling' CANNOT be used. 1
(i) metropolis (ii) handwriting (iii) campus (iv) portrait

(c) The phrase 'deftly etched' shows that Subbu _____. 1
(i) created the roles delicately. (ii) was skilful in creating the characters.
(iii) pondered beyond necessity about the characters. (iv) gave little thought to the characters.

(d) Pick the option that best describes Subbu according to the extract. 1
1. benevolent 2. Powerful 3. Accomplished 4. Witty 5. temperamental
(i) 4 and 5 (ii) 2, 3 and 4 (iii) 1 and 3 (iv) 3, 4 and 5

(e) Which of these qualities and talents of Subbu cannot be inferred from the given extract? 1
Subbu was known to be _____.
1. a renowned novelist and a poet 2. a warm host
3. a lead actor 4. a character actor
5. an extra 6. No. 2 in Gemini Studios
(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 3 and 6 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 2, 5 and 6

(f) The extract uses the word 'subsidiary.' In which of the following sentences has this word not been used in the same sense or meaning? 1
(a) The subsidiary companies of the oil giant are now going to be more autonomous.
(b) This information may be used as subsidiary evidence by your attorney but it is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument.
(c) The crest of the outer ridges of this subsidiary range is about 700 feet whereas the main range is much higher.
(d) The subsidiary relationship the manager shared with his employees was a great boon to the company's business.

Q10. Answer the following questions in not more than 40 to 50 words: (2 X 5 = 10 marks)

- (a) Highlight the untold sorrow of the owners of the roadside stand. 2
- (b) Are Mukund and Eco on the same page when it comes to their views about Eco's work? How can you substantiate your response with reference to 'The Interview'? 2
- (c) Only an untouchable would know the pain of being one. Dalit consciousness cannot be illustrated as poignantly by people from other castes. Do you agree with the statement with reference to Bama's life? 2
- (d) Artists, singers and musicians have a different perception of beauty as compared to people who are in other professions. Support your position on this statement with your rationale, coupled with ideas in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty is a Joy forever'. 2
- (e) How would you regard Mukesh's father's life and achievement? 2

Q11. Answer the following questions in not more than 40 to 50 words: (2 X 2 = 4 marks)

- (a) 'The mistaken identity of the peddler turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Substantiate this statement with relevant arguments. 2
- (b) Do you think Derry's mother is right in being overprotective of her son? Justify your opinion with textual evidence. 2

Q12. Answer the following questions in 120 to 150 words. (2 X 5 = 10 marks)

- (a) Beyond teaching and instructing there is a greater role of a teacher to understand the students psychologically and help them achieve their best. Imagine Douglas wants to pay a tribute to his instructor for being a great teacher. Write a speech that he delivers at a motivational event as an ode to his instructor. 5
- (b) Both 'The Third Level' and 'Going Places' interweave fantasy and reality. Does Sophie and Charley belong to the same category of people? Draw a parallel between the two characters. 5

*****THE END*****