

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 40

**General Instructions:**

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

**SECTION A- READING (10 marks)**

**1. Read the passage given below:**

i) Like all bad news and the common cold, allergies can pop up when you least expect them. I suddenly developed an allergy to crocin (paracetamol) some years ago after having it all my life to treat everything from headaches to fever and toothache. A seafood-loving friend found himself unable to breathe after having Thai food for dinner. After undergoing a battery of expensive tests, he was told the chest tightness was not caused by a heart attack but by an allergy to shellfish, something he ate once a week and had never reacted to before.

ii) A stuffed or drippy nose, frequent sneezing, an itchy throat, rash, sinus, ear pain, difficulty in breathing, stomach cramps and itchy, red or watery eyes are some of the common symptoms of an allergic reaction. Pollen, dust, polluted outdoor air and indoor pollutants such as dust mites, animal dander, cigarette smoke and mold are among the common environmental pollutants, while other triggers include medicines, paint and chemicals in cleaners and cosmetics such as hair colour and skin creams. Among foods, eight allergens account for almost 90% of food allergies: milk, soy, wheat, egg, peanut, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish.

iii) Most of us wrongly believe that people with allergies are either born with the condition or develop identifiable symptoms in early childhood. You couldn't be more wrong. An allergy can occur at any time in your life and experts say its prevalence among adults is rising. While most people who develop allergies as adults have experienced some allergic reaction—either to the same or an unrelated trigger before—a few have no history of sensitivity.

iv) In an acute immune reaction, the allergy trigger may be one, but the symptom is usually caused by a combination of factors. Stress, a sterile environment that prevents the body from developing robust natural immunity and lifestyle-induced changes in the body's hormonal balance are thought to be some triggers. This is borne out by clinical evidence that shows that women are more likely to develop allergies at puberty, after pregnancy and at menopause, all of which point to hormonal causes.

v) Of course, avoiding the allergy trigger and taking an anti-allergy medication as soon as you can, after exposure to an allergen is the best possible protection. Since pollen levels generally peak in the morning, people with airway sensitivity and asthma should postpone outdoor exercises to later in the day or stick to exercising indoors as deeper and more rapid breathing induced by aerobic exercise causes more pollen and dust being inhaled, which can wreck your airways and lungs. Since air pollutants tend

to cling to clothes and hair, changing your clothes when you come home or washing your hair before going to bed lowers exposure.

vi) Allergies in adults can be treated using some anti-allergic medicines. For those who do not respond to the standard treatment, there's always the option of a series of allergy shots to help the immune system to build up a tolerance to the allergy. In most cases, though, identifying and avoiding the allergen is enough to stay free of trouble.

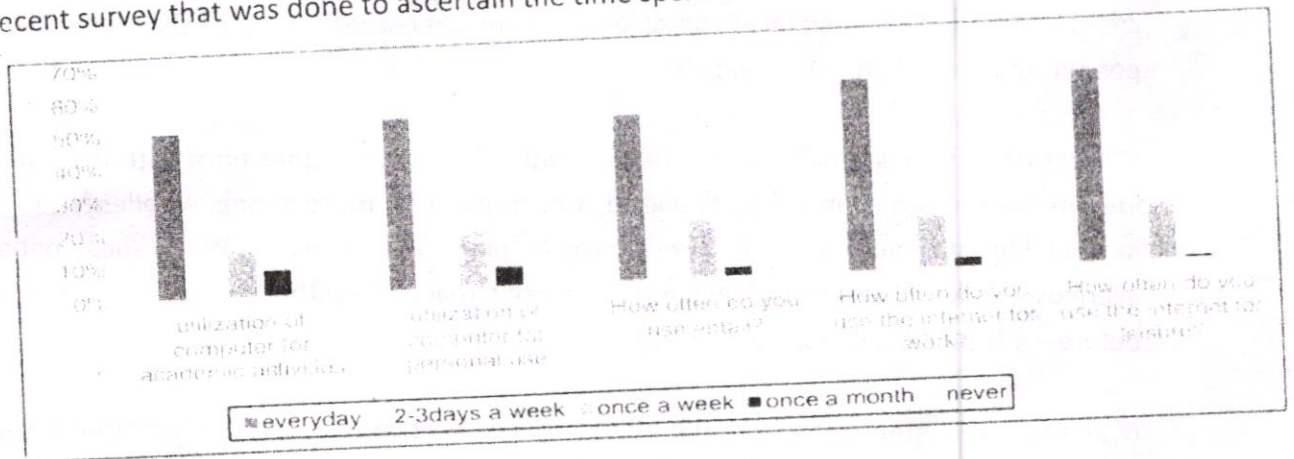
Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY FIVE** questions:

(1\*5=5)

- (i) What are the common symptoms of an allergic reaction?
- (ii) What are among the common environmental pollutants?
- (iii) What is an acute immune reaction?
- (iv) How can you prevent/treat yourself from getting allergies?
- (v) When can an allergy occur?
- (vi) Which word in the passage means the same as 'to cause something to start'?

**2. Read the passage given below:**

1. The present generation is well updated in the use of the internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet:



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

3. However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the difference can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45 % of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.

5. When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY FIVE** questions: (1\*5=5)

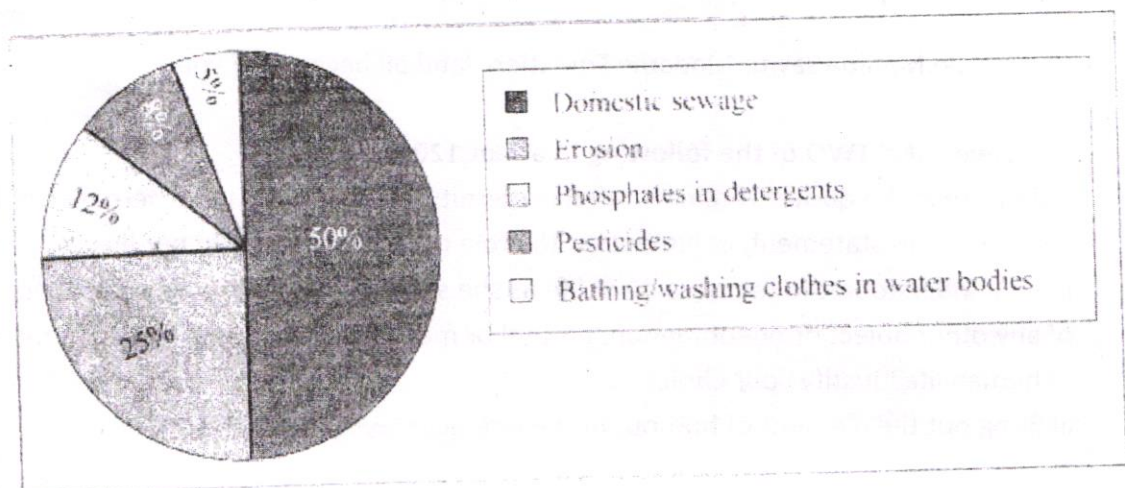
- i) What are the reasons for transition in the present day education system?
- ii) According to the given graphical chart , what are the various categories of computer/internet usage?
- iii) Why should the Net be used carefully and critically for research work?
- iv) What are the advantages of internet-based learning?
- v) What type of books are preferred for leisure and research?
- vi) What makes an e-book a favourite among researchers?

### SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** from i and ii. (5)

i. You are the In-charge of the Medical Section of Gyanodaya Public School , Nehru Vihar , Alwar . Your stock of medicines is about to finish .Write a letter to the Director of Jambo Medicare ,Delhi ,ordering medical items like glucose , crocin , bandages, tincture , pain-healers, ointments etc. Ask for a discount on bulk order .Invent other necessary details. (120 words)

ii. We all need water to survive. It is essential for every plant and animal on this earth. However, this precious resource is getting contaminated day by day. The following pie chart shows the various causes of increasing water pollution. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words analysing the reasons for the same.



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. (3)

In the course of an writing career spanning thirty-five years, Ruskin Bond has wrote over a hundred short stories, essays, novels and many than thirty books for children.

Incorrect

Correct

- a) \_\_\_\_\_  
b) \_\_\_\_\_  
c) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows. (2)

Vanshaj : How will you spend your summer vacation this year ?

Vishal : I am going to Shimla with my family.

During the recess period Vanshaj asked Vishal (a) \_\_\_\_\_ year. He replied that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ family.

#### SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)

6. Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each. (2X6=12)

- i. Custard though mocked for his cowardice, displayed courage and was the one who saved the day in the end. Comment
- ii. Why is the poet so impressed with animals that he wants to change sides and wishes to live with them?
- iii. Would you call Amanda a disrespectful child? Provide one reason to justify your opinion.
- iv. Pranjol buried his head in his detective book while Rajvir was eager to look at the beautiful scenery during the train journey. Why was there a difference in their attitude?
- v. Why did Valli not enjoy her bus ride back home?
- vi. The young man earned for himself the ire of his office people on his return from New Mullion. Explain why?
- vii. Why did Matilda say to Madame Forestier- "and all because of you"?

7. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each. (4\*2=8)

- i. You've read the quote: 'A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops.' In the context of this statement, comment on the role of Bholi's teacher in her life.
- ii. Kisa understood the temporality of life as she sat at the wayside watching the city lights. Can you think of any other object or phenomenon, natural or manmade, that might similarly reflect the fragile nature of human life? Justify your choice.
- iii. Bring out the element of humour in the one-act play 'The Proposal'.