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Instructions

The Question paper consists of questions from 1 to 38.

All the questions are compulsory: however there is an internal choice in Q. no 13, 14 and 38.

Figures to the right indicate full marks to each question.

- 01 From the alternative given below, choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined word. 01
The noise from the old house always sounded weird at night.
 - odd
 - offbeat
 - bizarre
 - abnormal
- 02 The tedious task of doing house work is tiresome. 01
 - same
 - repetitive
 - monotonous
 - bored
- 03 From the alternatives given below, choose the most appropriate antonym for the underlined word. 01
The ordinary charm of Kashmir can be felt in every landscape.
 - unusual
 - singular
 - peculiar
 - special
- 04 The government neglected regulations to protect endangered species from illegal poaching. 01
 - make
 - enforced
 - Unusual
 - different
- 05 Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate alternative. 01
What was the chemical used as a developer in the studio for processing photographs?
 - Silver iodide is used in processing photographs.
 - CD-4 is used in processing photographs.
 - Developer solution is used in processing photographs.
 - Silver solution is used in processing photographs.
- 06 What principle does Abdul Kalam highlight as guiding our nation's behaviour? 01
 - India never respected freedom of other nations.
 - India has never conquered other nations
 - The respect for other nations
 - India looted other nations

- 07 Answer each of the following questions in not more than 25-30 words each 02
What are the advantages of all season tires?
- 08 How did you grand dad took photographs? 02
- 09 Answer the following question with reference to the poem in not more than 10-15 words. 01
Freedom from fear is the freedom
I claim for you my motherland
Freedom from the burden of ages.
Name the figure of speech in above lines
- Repetition
 - Alliteration
 - Personification
 - metaphor
- 10 Answer each of the following questions in not more than 25-30 words. 01
What type of freedom does the poet wish for his motherland?
- 11 What is the significance of the nightingale's song to weary travellers? 02
- 12 How did Tagore perceive Freedom? 02
- 13 Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words. 04
What inspired you to undertake the task of teaching your grandfather to drive a car at 58 years?
- OR
- Could you describe the initial challenges you faced when you decided to teach your grandfather to drive a car?
- 14 How did the bull attempt to harm Laurence? 04
- OR
- How does the ending of 'the Bull contribute to its overall message'?
- 15 Read the instruction given after every grammar sentence carefully and select the correct answer from the alternatives provided. 01
The chef prepared a delicious meal for the guests. (change to passive)
- A delicious meal was prepared for the guests by the chef
 - For the guests, a delicious meal was prepared by the chef.
 - Prepared for the guests by the chef was a delicious meal.
 - A delicious meal for the guests was prepared by the chef.
- 16 Students ___ take some time off to relax and recharge. (insert Auxiliary modal) 01
- Must
 - Can
 - Should
 - May
- 17 If the weather is fine, we can go for a hike.(rewrite the sentence using unless) 01
- Unless the weather is fine, going for hike is not possible.
 - Going for a hike depended upon the weather unless being fine.
 - Unless the weather is fine, we cannot go for a hike.
 - We cannot go for a hike unless when weather is fine
- 18 We should n't go near the lake. (add question tag) 01

- shall we?
- mustn't we?
- should we?
- haven't we?

19 China is the most populated country in the world. (Change to positive degree)

01

- China is one of the populated country in the world.
- Very few countries are as populated as china.
- No other country in the world is so populated as china.
- China is more populated than any other country in the world.

20 The fox jumped ____ the fence.(Insert preposition))

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- through,
- over
- beside
- outside

Read the passage below carefully.

Critical thinking is a fundamental skill that is essential for success in both academic and real-world situations. It involves the ability to analyze information objectively, evaluate arguments, and make reasoned judgments. In today's fast-paced world, where information is constantly bombarding us from various sources, being able to think critically is more important than ever.

One of the key aspects of critical thinking is the ability to ask questions. Instead of accepting information at face value, critical thinkers question its validity, reliability, and relevance. They seek evidence to support claims and are open to considering alternative viewpoints. By questioning assumptions and exploring different perspectives, critical thinkers can arrive at more well-rounded conclusions.

Another crucial component of critical thinking is the skill of reasoning. Critical thinkers are able to identify logical fallacies and flaws in arguments. They understand the difference between correlation and causation, recognize biases, and distinguish between fact and opinion. Through clear and logical reasoning, they can construct sound arguments and effectively communicate their ideas.

Furthermore, critical thinking fosters creativity and innovation. By challenging existing norms and exploring new possibilities, critical thinkers can come up with novel solutions to complex problems. They are not afraid to think outside the box and are willing to take risks in pursuit of new ideas.

In the academic realm, critical thinking is vital for success in subjects such as science, mathematics, literature, and history. It enables students to analyze data, interpret texts, and evaluate historical events with a discerning eye. Moreover, critical thinking prepares students for higher education and future careers by equipping them with the skills needed to navigate an increasingly complex world.

In conclusion, critical thinking is an indispensable skill that empowers individuals to make informed decisions, solve problems creatively, and engage with the world in a meaningful way. By honing their critical thinking skills, students can become more independent and effective learners, ready to tackle the challenges of the future.

On the basis of your reading and comprehending the above passage .answer the questions given below in complete sentences in 10-15 words.

- 21 What is critical thinking? 01
- 22 Why critical thinking is important? 01
- 23 How does critical thinking benefit students in academics and future careers? 01
- 24 What role does critical thinking play in fostering creativity and innovation? 01

Choose and rewrite the correct meaning of the words given below ,from the alternatives provided

- 25 ability 01
- Powers
 - gift
 - capability
 - desire
- 26 realm 1
- distance
 - activity
 - field
 - domain

The alternatives provided are words from the passage .Choose the alternative that best matches the meaning given below.

- 27 verification 1
- judgment
 - evidence
 - information
 - relevance
- 28 quest 1
- pursuit
 - en powers
 - analyze
 - vital

Given below is an informative passage. Interpret it in order to complete the flowchart in a single word or a phrase to bring out the main topic and sub-topics in the passage.

India is renowned for its diverse and rich cultural heritage, which is reflected in its numerous tourist attractions. From the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra to the bustling streets of Delhi, the country offers a plethora of experiences for travelers.

In the northern region, visitors can explore the majestic Himalayas, visit the spiritual city of Varanasi on the banks of the Ganges, or embark on a wildlife safari in Ranthambore National Park.

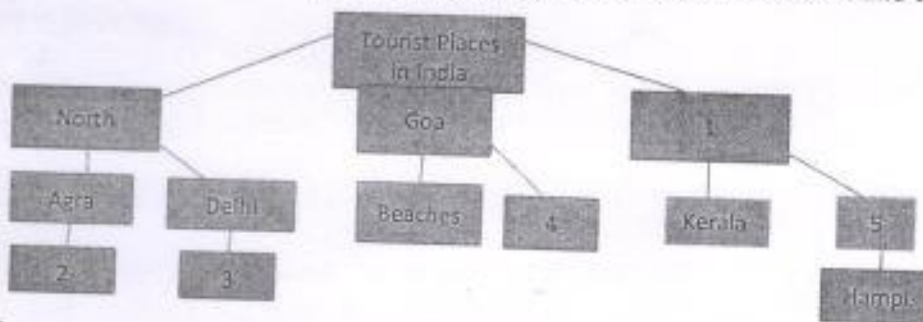
Moving towards the western part of India, one can discover the vibrant state of Rajasthan with its opulent palaces and desert landscapes, as well as the coastal beauty of Goa with its stunning beaches and Portuguese influence.

In the southern region, Kerala entices tourists with its serene backwaters, lush greenery, and Ayurvedic treatments, while Karnataka boasts ancient ruins at Hampi and the modern marvel

of Bangalore.

Further east, the culturally rich states of West Bengal and Odisha offer attractions such as the Sundarbans mangrove forest and the temples of Konark.

Throughout India, each state and region has its own unique attractions, making it a country that promises endless exploration and discovery for travelers from around the world.



- 29 1 _____
- 30 2 _____
- 31 3 _____
- 32 4 _____
- 33 5 _____

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- 34 You are head of literature section from Bosco Higher Secondary School, Margao .Draft a notice for your school notice-board informing students that book fair is being organized on the occasion World Book Day. 03
- 35 Smoking is injurious to health argue in favour or against .40 words. 04
- 36 You are Mirinmay Das , residing at Blue Whale Apts , Aquem Goa. Write a letter to furniture and More LTD.New Delhi placing an order for furniture that you wish to purchase for the new apartment . (Use Block Format) 05
- 37 You are Anushka residing at Ashok apts Vasco Goa like to apply for the post of horticulture officer at Ansh Farm Ponda Goa advertised on newspaper (Use Block Format) 07
- 38 Write an essay about 175 -200 words On any One of the following topics. (Minimum 4 paragraphs) 08
The influence of advertising on society
Contribution of technology in Education
A walk through a forest.
