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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Write short notes on the following in about  
50 words each.

1. What does one mean by 'Reading comprehension'?
2. What are non-news items?
3. Give any two stylistic variations one can find while reading a drama and a poem.
4. How should one read a travelogue?
5. How should one read a scientific report?
6. List out any two significant functions a letter does in the present context.
7. How should a scientific writing be?
8. How should an advertisement be read?
9. Mention any two important ways for improving one's writing skill.
10. How should a religious book be read?

SECTION B — (6 × 5 = 30 marks)

Answer any SIX of the following questions in about 100 words each.

11. Write briefly about the importance of reading newspapers in the modern context.
12. List out the basic skills involved in reading comprehension.
13. You are asked to write a brochure about an educational institution. How will you go about writing the brochure?
14. Write briefly about the ways of reading a novel.
15. Write about the significant role of note -making and precis writing in improving one's reading and writing skills.
16. Write briefly about the ways and means of reading non-fictional writing like biographies, auto-biographies, religious books etc.
17. What are the essential parts of a business letter? Explain the role of each part.

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18. Write briefly about the decline in the competency of good writing skill in the modern context suggesting ways for improving the writing skill.
19. You are to write a scientific report about a discovery you have made, which is to be presented in an international science congress. How will you go about writing the report?
20. Write a letter of appreciation to your friend who has won the Gold medal in the national athletic championship.

SECTION C — (5 × 10 = 50 marks)

Write essays of 200 to 250 words each on any FIVE of the following questions.

21. Write an essay on the importance of improving one's reading skill in the modern context, listing out the factors which hinder the reading habit.
22. Write an essay on the different skills one has to have while reading different genres like prose, poetry, drama, newspaper, biographies etc.

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23. Expand the following proverb :

An honest man is the noblest work of God.

24. You are the secretary of a non-Governmental organization that is involved in the protection of the environment. Write a scientific report on the factors harming the environment and the steps one has to take to protect environment. Follow the principles of scientific writing.
25. You are the chairman of a reputed five star hotel in Mumbai. You are to recruit lady receptionists for the front office. Draft a suitable advertisement for the above context, inventing necessary details.
26. You are the principal of a reputed college in Chennai. You have to place orders for the purchase of 100 computers for your college. Write a letter to a reputed company dealing with the sale of computers requesting them to send a quotation for the above purpose. Invent the necessary details.
27. Write an essay on the basic skills involved in precis writing and also on the importance of precis writing in understanding a text.

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28. Make notes on the following passage :

The average life span differs very widely for different organisms while some live for short periods, others may have a life of several decades or even centuries. None, however, lives forever. Even if an individual meets with no fatal accident, is not eaten up by a predator or does not suffer a killing disease, death still comes as the natural final result of old age.

Ageing is defined as the process of progressive deterioration in the structure and function of the cells, tissues and organs of the organism as it grows older. The area of developmental biology which is concerned with the study of the processes of ageing is known as gerontology.

Why should an animal age at all? Why do some animals age more rapidly and have a shorter life than others? Why do different cell types and tissues within the same individual age at different rates? We still do not know enough about the process and causes of ageing, although many theories have been proposed to explain this phenomenon.

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Some biologists suggest that adverse changes in the environment are the causes of ageing in the organisms. Others believe that ageing is an intrinsic genetic property of the cells of an organism. According to a compromise theory, ageing is due to an interaction between hereditary factors (genes) and the environment.

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