

Instructions:

Read the question paper carefully. Write neatly and legibly. Do not over write. Pay special attention to spelling. Read the answers before submitting the answer sheet.

Question 1

[5]

As someone who enjoys visiting the hilly areas, especially during the summer vacation, you are quite appalled by the havoc caused by landslides and flash floods in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper expressing your concern about the natural calamities in the two states.

Question 2

[5]

- I. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.
 1. He must protect himself _____ crafty people.
 2. Physical exercise is beneficial _____ health.

- II. Choose the correct options to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.
 1. To cut down trees is unwise. (Begin with: It.....)
 - a. It is being unwise to cut down trees.
 - b. It was unwise cutting trees.
 - c. It has cut trees being unwise.
 - d. It is unwise to cut down trees.

 2. This class has thirty children. (Use: consists...)
 - a. This class consists in thirty children.
 - b. This class consists thirty children.
 - c. This class consists of thirty children.
 - d. This class consists on thirty children.

 3. This is the best book that I have read. (Begin with: I have not read...)
 - a. I have not read any book best of this.
 - b. I have not read a better book than this.
 - c. I have not read a good book than this.
 - d. I have not read a best book than this.

A Collection of Poems

Question 1.

[3]

Read the extract from the poem –The Glove and the Lions and answer the questions that follow:

Ramped and roared the lions, with horrid laughing jaws;
They bit, they glared, gave blows like beams, a wind went with their paws;
With wallowing might and stifled roar they rolled on one another;
Till all the pit with sand and mane was in a thunderous smother;
The bloody foam above the bars came whisking through the air;
Said Francis then, "Faith, gentlemen, we're better here than there.

1. Where were the lions? Who all were watching them? Explain briefly the lions' fight as described in the first line of the extract.
2. How can you say that the fight between the two lions was quite ferocious and brutal?

A Collection of Short Stories

Question 2.

[3]

Read the extract from the story – *The Girl who can* and answer the questions that follow:

And that, I think, is a very serious problem. Because it is always difficult to decide whether to keep quite and not say any of the things that come into my head or say them and get laughed at.

1. Which serious problem is the narrator talking about?
2. What is the narrator's dilemma?

DRAMA – Julius Caesar

Question 3

[4]

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

Stoop Romans, stoop,

And let us s bathe our hands in Caesar's blood up to the elbow and besmear our swords

1. Who is the speaker? What does the speaker want the conspirators to do after this action?
2. Where does Caesar lie dead? Who does Cassius want to lead?