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ENGLISH
(LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
HINTS & SOLUTIONS

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

- (i) This question paper contains **three** sections *READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE*
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each **Part/Section**.

SECTION A
(Reading)**[10]****1. Read the passage given below:**

- (1) Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.
- (2) The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.
- (3) From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".
- (4) He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."
- (5) Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life.
"Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved
"My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company. of my coach."
- (6) On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training "I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me, asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

Based on your reading answer any five questions from the six given below:**1 × 5 = 5**

- (i) What is Milka Singh known as ? What realization did Milka Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics?
- (ii) List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.
- (iii) What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow?
- (iv) State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.
- (v) What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world?
- (vi) Explain the phrase 'I would start again' in the last sentence.

Ans.

- (i) Milkha Singh is known as the Flying Sikh. He realized that if he wanted to succeed on the international arena, he must be prepared to test his mettle against the best athletes in the world.
- (ii) He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 meters at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth games. He was awarded the Padma Shri in recognition of sporting achievements
- (iii) Every morning he would rise and run two or three miles cross country in the company of his coach.

- (iv) He was often drained of all energy and there were times when he would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise.
- (v) Images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators , wildly applauding him as he crossed the finishing line, would flash across his mind and he would start again, encouraged by visions of victory.
- (vi) He pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training.

2. Read the following excerpt from a Case Study. J.K. Rowling - A Journey

The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit." Rowling said in an interview. "He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so.

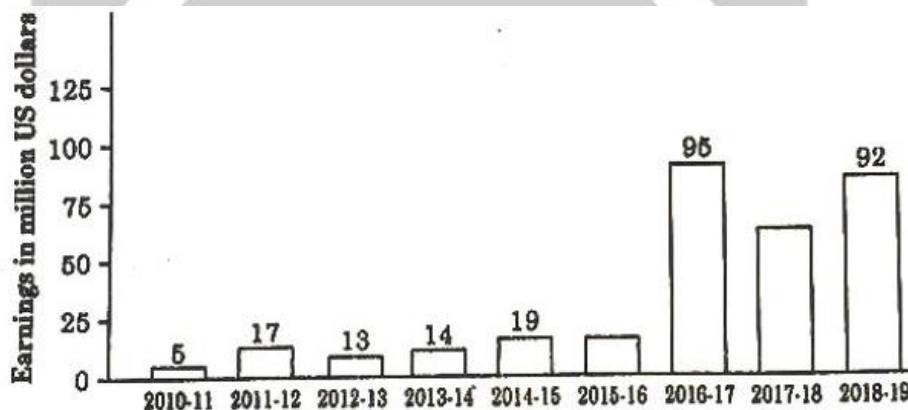
However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished: backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension.

A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was uck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life. Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English. At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher.

In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeroes appeared on the author's bank balance and her life was turned upside down, Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

Rowling's quality control has become legendary, as her obsession with accuracy. She's thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses. "Don't they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability."

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any five of the six questions given below.

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Explain J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame'.
- (ii) What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling's book?
- (iii) What was the drawback of achieving fame?
- (iv) Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket?!
- (v) Find a word in the last para that means the same as 'insecure/helpless'.
- (vi) According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful ?

Ans.

- (i) J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame' is known for the characters she created. She wrote down the first story about a rabbit and a bee and with this story she decided to be a writer.
- (ii) She was told that plot was too complex .
- (iii) Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.
- (iv) The Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses.
- (v) Vulnerability
- (vi) Six years.

For the Visually impaired Candidates :

- (vi) What has become legendary about Rowling?

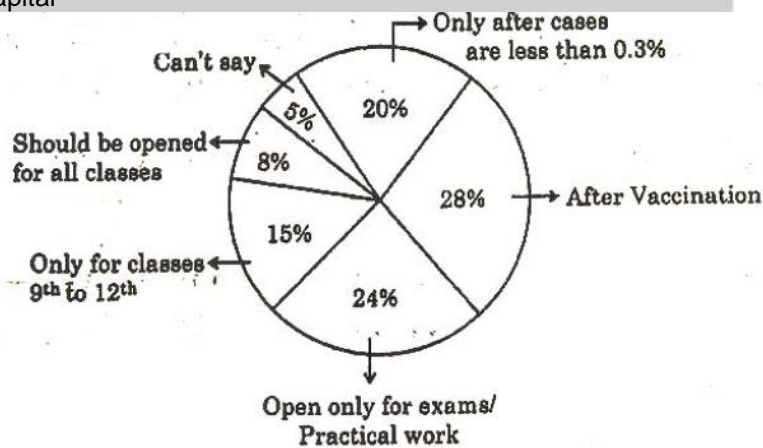
SECTION – B
(Writing & Grammar)

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3. Attempt any one from (i) and (ii)

- (i) A group of enterprising young adults conducted a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital

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Write a paragraph in about 120 words analysing the listed responses.

Ans.

After spending 2 years in a pandemic, educational institutions are reopening. A survey was conducted in the National Capital by a group of enterprising young adults on reopening of educational institutions. The survey showed that 28% of people agreed on reopening the institutions after vaccination. 20% of people said that reopening of schools would only be safer after the cases are less than 0.3%. In opinion of 24% of people, educational institutions should be opened only for exams and practical work 15% of people believed that institutions should be opened only for classes 9th to 12th According to 8% of people, institutes should be opened for all. The remaining 5% of people did not have any opinion

For the Visually Impaired Candidates

The school authorities view eating junk food as a strong reason for the rising obesity among school children. There is a move to change canteen food to healthier options.

Students on the other hand have spoken strongly against such a move.

Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words analysing the above argument.

- (ii) You are Vikram/Vanya, Librarian, B.S. Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to the Manager of Amar Publication House, Mumbai, placing an order for 4 sets of Social Studies books for grades 6-8 published by N.C.E.R.T. in not more than 120 words. Mention school discount, mode of payment and date of delivery.

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Ans. B.S Public school
Delhi, 119900
27 April 2022
The Manager
Amar Publication House
Mumbai 400021
Subject: Supply of Social Studies books
Dear Sir / Madam
This is with reference to the quotation dated 21 April 2022. We would like to order 4 sets of Social Studies book for grades 6-8 published by N.C.E.R.T.
The payment will be made by cash once the items reach us. I hope we are eligible for a 15% school discount. We expect the delivery to be made by 4 May 2022. All the items should be in good condition, well-bound and packed properly. Any damage during transportation would be your responsibility.
Yours faithfully
Vikram / Vanya
Librarian
B.S. Public School

4. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows: 2
Neha : I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow. Nanita: Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our friends and teachers.

Neha told Namita (1) _____ looking forward to the class picnic _____, Namita agreed that after a long time.
(2) _____ friends and teachers.

Ans. (1) that she was looking forward to the class picnic the next day
(2) they would be meeting their

5. The following paragraph has an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. **1 × 3 = 3**

Correct	Incorrect
Air pollution is emerging like a global problem among the world.	eg <u>like</u> _____ <u>as</u>
Much of our cities have industries which is responsible for 20% of the pollutants..	(a) _____
	(b) _____
	(c) _____

Ans. Incorrect Correct
(a) Among in
(b) Much most / many
(c) Is are

SECTION — C
(Literature)**[20]****6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each.****2 × 6 = 12**

- (i) Describe the Climb to the Brahmagiri hills, (Glimpses of India)
- (ii) Why did Kisa Gotami become weary and hopeless (The Sermon at Benaras).
- (iii) I am an orphan, roaming the street. Why does Amanda visualize this?
- (iv) List any two things that animals do and humans don't. (Animals)
- (v) Why did the pirate 'gape' at Belinda's dragon? (Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- (vi) How was 'The Travels of Monarch X' a turning point in Ebright's life? (The Making of a Scientist)
- (vii) Describe the young lawyer's first encounter with the hack driver.

Ans.

- (i) The climb to the Brahmagiri hills not only offers the panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg, but also it is a gateway to many hidden surprises. Besides, a walk across the rope bridge leads to the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama. Then, there is the India's largest Tibetan settlement, Bylakuppe that adds to its beauty.
- (ii) Kisa Gotami went from house to house asking for a handful of mustard seeds as instructed by the Buddha. She could not find a house where no one had ever died. So, she became weary and hopeless.
- (iii) Amanda is trying to take a refuge in her imagination. Here, she wishes to be an orphan, away from her nagging parents. Amanda wants to roam aimlessly in streets and draw patterns using just her bare feet.
- (iv) The poet has drawn some comparisons between humans and animals and he has reflected those points very well in his poem. Humans don't sleep a peaceful night as they lie awake at night and cry for the wrongs they have done on the other hand animals sleep a peaceful night because they are devoid of any sins. Humans don't feel satisfied with what they have as they always suffer from the obsession of possessing more and more things on the contrary animals are satisfied with what they have.
- (v) In the poem, The tale of Custard, the dragon the pirate who terrified Belinda and all other pets of her, gaped(watched) at the gigantic dragon because he was amazed that the dragon didn't fear even a bit.
- (vi) Richard Ebright was interested in collecting butterflies. By the time he was in his second grade he had collected all the twenty-five species of butterflies found around his home town. This would have been the end of his butterfly collection if his mother had not bought him a book called 'The Travels of Monarch X'. This book aroused his interest in Monarch butterflies and opened a new world of science to him. This proved to be a turning point in the life of young Ebright's life.
- (vii) The author/lawyer was sent to New Mullion to serve summons to Lutkins. At the station, he met a cheerful hack driver who was Lutkins himself. He took advantage of the situation as the author who had never met Lutkins before could not identify him. The fun-loving Lutkins introduced himself as Bill. He offered him all his help to find Lutkins. He took him all over the village but in vain. He entertained the author with his lucid description of the village folk, charged him two dollars per hour and half a dollar for food. The author was impressed by the warm affection, kind and helpful nature of Bill and the hospitality and cooperation of the villagers. He thought of leaving his present job and starting his legal practice at New Mullion.

7. Answer any two of the following in about 120 words each. 4 × 2
(i) As Valli, make a diary entry sharing your joys and disappointments during the bus ride. 4

Ans. 27 April 2022, Wednesday

Dear Diary,

A dream came true today when a long cherished wish of riding the bus was fulfilled. It was a wonderful and exciting experience. While going to the city watching a small cow filled me with joy. I laughed wholeheartedly. It was funny to see her, running in front of the bus. On my journey back, I saw a dead cow lying on the road. I asked the conductor if that was the same cow. When I came to know that it was the same cow, I was so upset that I lost all the charm of the beauty outside. A cow that filled me with joy and happiness only a moment ago was lying dead! I could see the blood coming out of its nose. It was so haunting that I could not enjoy my journey back.

- (ii) Natalya and her father Chubukov turn around' when Lomov puts his proposal in the open. As a reader briefly describe what you think of Natalaya and Chubukov from the play "The Proposal".

Ans. Lomov and Natalaya meet for a serious purpose, i.e., to talk about marriage that decides the progress of one's life as a member of the conventionally established society. But the purpose of their meeting gets lost on two consecutive occasions because Lomov's faith in the values of his society disrupts his approach to the topic of marriage. He learns that the girl and her father like him, but, instead of proposing to marry her and discussing how their marriage should be organised, he goes on to talk about properties, relations, family histories, and pets, draws them into an unnecessary argument, and antagonises both of them.

Natalya is a woman of twenty-five years. Lomov considers her a good housekeeper and not bad looking. She likes to get married to Lomov. However, she indulges in unnecessary quarrels over Oxen Meadows and dogs. She even insults Lomov with harsh words. However, good sense prevails upon her and she doesn't lose the opportunity of marrying Lomov.

Chubukov is a rich landlord and a neighbour of Lomov. He is short tempered and rash in behaviour. He wants Lomov to be married to Natalya. But he forgets the main issue and joins the quarrels between Lomov and Natalya. He adds only fuel to the fire. He can be abusive and insulting. However, he grabs the opportunity and blesses Natalya and Lomov in the end.

- (iii) The credit of Bholi's transformation to Sulekha goes to her teacher, Elaborate with reference to the text. 4

Ans. Bholi's real name was Sulekha. But everyone started calling her a fool since the time that she was a little child. When she was ten months old, she fell off the cot and damaged some part of her brain. This affected her intelligence and her speech. She couldn't speak till she was five. And even after that, she would stammer. She was laughed at and mimicked by other children. So she talked very little. Fate played a cruel joke on her. An attack of smallpox left pock marks all over her face and body.

Bholi was sent to school because with her ugly face and lack of intelligence, she had little chance of getting a match. "Let the teachers at school worry about her," said her mother. Bholi was unwilling to go because she thought that she was being sold and turned out of the house like her cow Lakshmi. She was given clean clothes to wear for the first time. Her visit to school proved a turning point in the life of this neglected girl. Her teacher worked on her as an artist. She spoke to her lovingly and sweetly in her soft, soothing voice. She consoled and encouraged her to speak without a stammer. She raised in her the hope of a new and respectable life. Education and the teacher's efforts produced wonderful results. The teacher played a key role in Bholi's life. She made her a confident, bold and self-respecting person. The teacher realized that the frightened girl.