

Date: 27-02-2023**Max. Marks: 100****SOLUTIONS (2/1/2)****Time allowed: 3 hours****Section A: READING SKILLS (20 Marks)**

- I. Read the passage given. below :** **20**
- (i)** If you're like most kids, you may love snow. Not only can it get you out of school, but it's also fun to play with. Who doesn't love to sled and build snowmen? Snow can also be dangerous, too. You may have heard your parents talk about how difficult it can be to drive in snow. Car accidents aren't the only dangers created by snow. If you're ever skiing in the mountains, you'll want to be aware of avalanches. An avalanche is a sudden flow of snow down a slope, such as a mountain. The amount of snow in a avalanche will vary based on many things, but it can be such a huge pile that it can bury the bottom of a slope in dozens of feet of snow.
- (ii)** Avalanches can be caused by many things. Some of them are natural. For example, new snow or rain can cause built up snow to loosen and fall down the side of a mountain. Earthquakes and the movement of animals have also been known to cause avalanches. For example, snowmobiles, skiers, gunshots and explosives have all been known to cause avalanches. Avalanches usually occur during the winter and spring, when snowfall is greatest. As they are dangerous to any living beings in their path, avalanches have destroyed forests, roads, · railroads and even entire towns.
- (iii)** Warning signs exist that allow experts to predict - and often prevent - avalanches from occurring. When over a foot of fresh snow falls, experts know to be on the lookout for avalanches. Explosives can be used in places. with massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose a danger to persons or property. When deadly avalanches do occur, the moving snow can quickly reach over 80 miles per hour. Skiers caught in such avalanches can be buried under dozens of feet of snow. While it's possible to dig out of such avalanches, not all are able to escape.
- (iv)** If you get tossed about by an avalanche and find yourself buried under many feet of snow, you might not have a true sense of which way is up and which way is down. Some avalanche victims have tried to dig their way out only to find that they were upside down and digging

- (b) Due to the torrential rain, there was a heavy flooding.
(c) The guest felt uneasy and uncomfortable watching the child's performance.
(d) The more the effort, the bigger the gain.

Ans. (a) The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.

(vii) The major causes which do not trigger an avalanche :

- (a) Earthquakes (b) Snow fall (c) Rain (d) Plastic waste

Ans. (d) Plastic waste

(viii) Explosives can be used in places _____. (complete the sentence)

Ans. With massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches.

(ix) The word 'deadly' in the (3) paragraph most nearly means :

- (a) likely to cause death (b) harmful
(c) very boring (d) scary

Ans. (a) likely to cause death

(x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage :

- (a) Avalanches (b) Adventure with Snow
(c) Ice Games (d) Calamity

Ans. (a) Avalanches

2. Read the passage given below :

- (1)** Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. More over, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.
- (2)** The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent. traffic congestions, But above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.
- (3)** The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than-five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of-over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.
- (4)** In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel.

Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public

transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.

(5) What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized management system.

(i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.

Ans. The cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous.

(ii) Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____.

1. use of private vehicles
2. increase in demand for cars
3. inability to keep pace with population control
4. travelling by public transport
5. emission of pollutants

(a) 4, 5 (b) 1, 5 (c) 1, 2 (d) 2, 3

Ans. (c) 1, 2

(iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from the paragraph 5.
organized : chaotic :: lowest : _____

Clue : Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of _____.

Ans. Peak

(iv) The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly.

Ans. environment

(v) Complete the following sentence.

Use of public transport will reduce _____.

Ans. traffic congestion

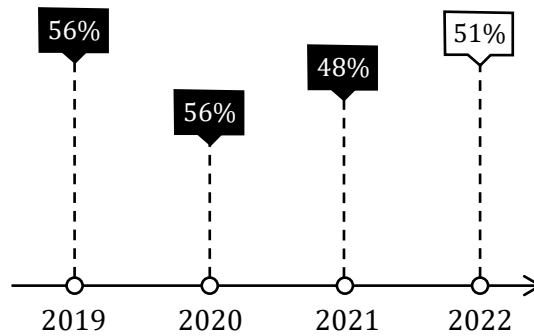
(vi) Select the appropriate option which states the methods of reducing traffic congestions.

1. start car pooling
2. add electric buses
3. increase in public modes of transport
4. increase car collection points
5. increase taxation

(a) 1, 4, 5 (b) 3, 5 (c) 2, 3, 4 (d) 1, 3

Ans. (d) 1, 3

(vii) Analyse the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022.



Ans. Proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens.

(viii) Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion.

- Ans.** (1) People prefer to travel on roads
(2) Growth in demand of private vehicles

(ix) Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct option.

There are _____ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.

- (a) beneficial (b) adverse (c) implicit (d) explicit

Ans. (b) adverse

(x) Substitute the underlined word with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence.

Citizens of Delhi/NCR have time and time again pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce traffic congestion.

Ans. thought/contemplated

Section B: GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

3. Attempt any ten of following questions.

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

The electricity department will _____ the power for two hours this evening.

- (a) shut out (b) shut off down (c) shut down (d) shut in

Ans. (c) shut down

(ii) Read the conversation between the coach and the student. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly :

Coach : You must attend morning practice regularly.

Student : Yes, I will as I am feeling stronger now.

The coach reminded the student that he must attend morning practice regularly, to which the student replied _____ .

Ans. student replied in affirmative manner that he would as he was feeling stronger than.

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a newspaper report. The report read, "there _____ traffic diversion due to the student parade on the main street."

- (a) cannot be (b) should be
(c) must be (d) will be

Ans. (d) will be

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from the health report.

The incidence of malaria have reduced in the city.

Option No.	Error	Correction
a.	Incidence	Incident
b.	have	has
c	reduced	reduction
d	in	on

Ans.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	incidence	incident

(v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

The attendant _____ several guests at the same time to ensure prompt service.

- (a) waited on (b) waited in
(c) waited up (4) waited

Ans. (a) waited on

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of the letter :

Subject — Request for Leave.

Dear Sir,

I request you to grant me two days leave as I _____ (have) visit my ailing grandmother.

Ans. have to

(vii) Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence.

Rahul : Saheb, what did you like most about your visit to the village ?

Saheb : The sense of joy in the simple things of life.

In response to the question about what he liked about his visit to the village, Saheb says

.....

Ans. Saheb says it is the sense of joy in the simple things of life.

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

The introduction of traditional sports in school has led to exciting among the students.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

Ans.

Error	Correction
exciting	excitement

(ix) Maria shared some information with Mathew about her flight to Kanpur. Report Mathew's question.

Were you nervous on your first flight ?

Ans. Mathew asked Maria if she had been nervous on her first flight.

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the hoarding on a shop.

NEED A GIFT ? YOU _____ FIND ONE FOR EVERY OCCASION.

(a) OUGHT TO (b) WOULD (c) NEED (d) WILL

Ans. (d) will

(xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev:

Anil : Where are you going ?

Sanjeev : To the airport.

Anil : May I drop you there as rm going in that direction ?

Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.

(a) he could be going in that direction

(b) he would be going in the direction

(c) he is going in the direction

(d) he was going in that direction

Ans. (d) he was going in that direction

(xii) Identify the error in the newspaper headline.

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination — Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

Ans.

Error	Correction

destination	destinations
-------------	--------------

4.

- (a) You have purchased a computer for personal use. After using it for about a month, you have started having problems in it, like its CPU is not working properly, screen is flickering etc. Write a letter to the manager-of the complaint cell of Abott Computers Pvt. Ltd. about the faulty computer in about 100-120 words. Sign yourself as Dev/Devika of Janakpuri, Delhi.

Ans. 101 Janakpuri

Delhi

27th February, 2023

The Manager

Abott Computers Pvt Ltd.

Sir

Subject – Complaint letter regarding poor quality of computer purchased

A month ago i purchased a computer for personal used from your outlet vide Cash Memo no. 0702 dated 21st January, 2023

For about a month (exactly 27 days) working was satisfactory

Now it has started giving trouble like –

Images are very blurred

It kept switching off on its own

CPU is not working

properly screen is flickering

I am sure some manufacturing defect has impaired it's working

I have been your regular customer

Hoping for an immediate replacement of the faulty computer

Yours sincerely

Dev/Devika

OR

4.

- (b) You feel that the Right to Education is going to help India rise above the narrow boundaries of prejudices of caste, colour, creed and corruption. Write a letter to the editor The Times

of India, reflecting your views on the subject. Sign yourself as Nandita / Naveen of Paschim Vihar, Delhi (word limit 100 – 120)

Ans. 101 Pachim Vihar
Delhi
27th February, 2023
The Editor
The Times of India
Delhi

Sir

Subject – Merits of right education

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper

right to education is very useful

social evils – discrimination on the basis of caste, color, creed

other evils – corruption

benefits of right of education

it can play vital role in narrowing the boundaries of prevailing social evils

as the other primary rights, right to education is equally important just like other necessities.

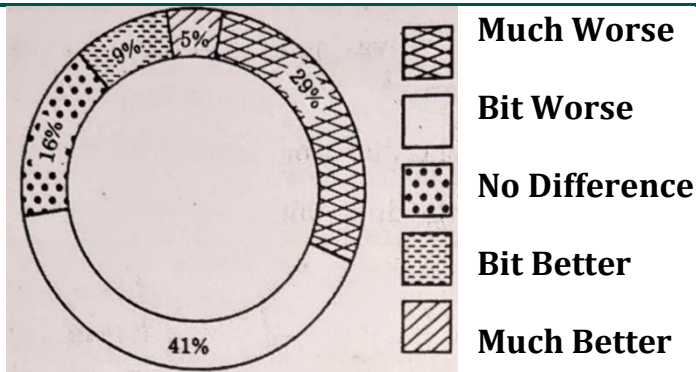
I hope this letter finds suitable space in your newspaper

Yours truly

Nandita/ Naveen

5.

- (a) Stress and pressure sometimes have an adverse effect on young adults. 'Budding Minds' conducted a survey to show how the mental health of young people has been affected. 4,324 young people took part in the survey which shows stress and competition has impacted performance and mental health. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words on how the mental health of young people has been impacted in the modern world.



Ans. Clues

deals with the effect of stress and pressure on young adults, or the basis of a survey conducted on 4324 young people.

The mental health of 29 % young people has worsened much 16 % of the people show no difference in their mental health there is a bit worsening in the mental health of around 178 people out of 4324 which takes the maximum percentage Sometimes stress and pressure bring positive impacts too as depicted in the pie chart where in 9 % of people have developed a bit better mental health.

5 % people have become much better and have developed a positive mental health

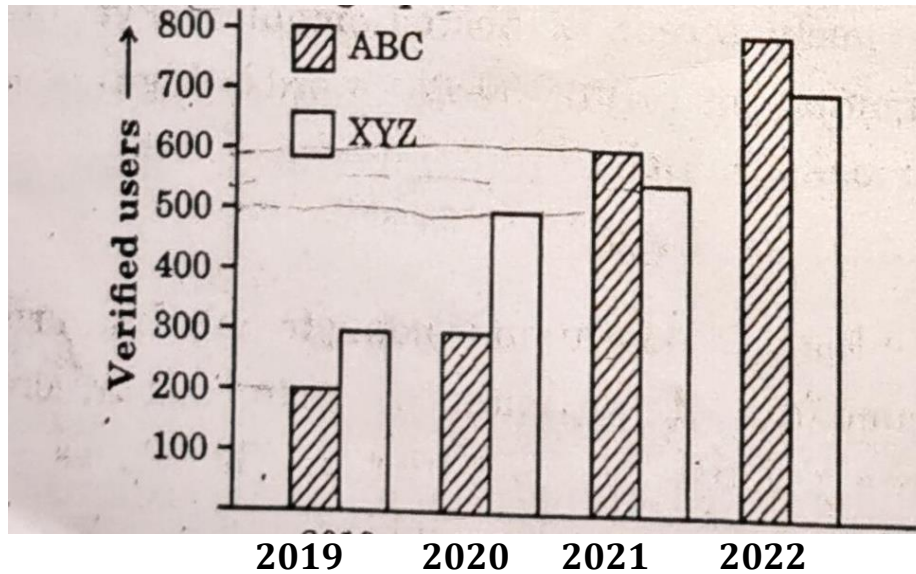
Conclusion

Stress and pressure usually deteriorates mental health but if utilised positively it can be useful in promoting mental health

In a nutshell mental health is as important as the physical health so it must be highly taken care of and should be protective by following various exercises.

5.

- (b)** The given graph shows the competition between big online shopping sites that is ABC and XYZ in India over the duration between 2019 to 2022. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words from the graph.



Ans. The given graph shows the distribution of verified users for two different online shopping sites

The overall verified users of ABC company have drastically increased from 200 in 2019 to 300 in 2022 whereas the verified users of XYZ company have increased from 300 in 2019 to 500 in 2020

After 2020 the growth rate of ABC is higher than XYZ

In 2019 and 2020 XYZ had 100 and 200 respectively more verified users than ABC though the picture reversed in 2021 and 2022 where the verified users of XYZ decreased to 50 less in 2021 and 100 less in 2022 than ABC.

Conclusion

The overall growth pattern of ABC is gradually increasing whereas that of XYZ is showing diversification.

Section C: LITERATURE (40 Marks)

6. Attempt any one of the given extracts :

(a) Let me put this more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year old girl is completely alone in this world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen years old sister, and there are almost thirty people-I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good house. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I am with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything, but ordinary everyday things.

(i) On the surface, it appears that Anne the thirteen year old girl _____.

Ans. was completely alone. (easy)

(ii) How can we infer that the speaker felt alone in the world ?

- (a) She had a family of many people. ·
 (b) She had loving parent.
 (c) She had thirty friends.
 (d) She craves for a true friend.

Ans. (d) she craves for a true friend (easy)

(iii) Anne and her friends talked about_____.

- (a) their problematic parents (b) their financial problems
 (c) common everyday things (d) the commuting problems

Ans. (c) common everyday things (easy)

(iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text :
 alone : friends :: nothing :

Ans. everything/something (medium)

(v) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the idiom 'bring myself' from the extract :

- (a) to do something willingly (b) to do something unwillingly
 (c) a charitable act (d) an involuntary act

Ans. (b) to do something unwillingly (medium)

OR

6.

(b) Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

(i) Mrs. hall tripped because _____

- (a) the floor was oily.
 (b) she was standing on a chair.
 (c) she was in a state of panic.
 (d) the door was slammed.

Ans. (c) She was in a state of panic (medium)

(ii) Mrs. Hall suspected everything in the room was put under a spell of witchcraft by _____.

Ans. the stranger

(iii) Fill in the blank with one word only :

Mrs. Hall was afraid that spirits had entered _____.

Ans. into furniture

(iv) According to the extract, the feeling of Mrs. Hall can be best described as

- (1) Stunned (2) happy (3) awestruck
 (4) nervous (5) outraged (6) agitated

Select the correct option.

(a) (2) and (4)

(b) (3) and (6)

(c) (5) and (6)

(d) (1) and (6)

Ans. (a) (1) and (2)

(v) 'Spirits' in the above lines means the same as

(a) ghosts (b) conscience (c) ego (d) attitude

Ans. (a) ghost

7. Attempt any one of the given two extracts :

(a) Though to distinguish beasts of prey

A novice might nonplus,

The crocodiles you always may

Tell from the Hyena thus :

Hyenas come with merry smiles;

But if they weep they're crocodiles.

7.

(i) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract :

Crocodiles can be identified by their _____.

(a) tears (b) attitude (c) smiles (d) attacks

Ans. a

(ii) State whether the following statement is True or False :

Hyenas are famous for weeping.

Ans. false

(iii) 'Novice' in line 2 means the same as :

(a) learner (b) beast (c) tender foot (d) beginner

Ans. d

(iv) In this extract the poet has presented two different behavioural traits of animals. They are _____.

Ans. Hyenas with merry smiles; crocodiles weeping

(v) The poet uses "A novice might nonplus" instead of the novice might get confused. How does this usage impact the poem ?

- (a) adds an incorrect option.
- (b) it is associated with beasts.
- (c) it rhymes and adds humour.
- (d) it simplifies the meaning.

Ans. c

OR

7.

(b) He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage
 He should begin shadow
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.

(i) Complete the sentence appropriately.
The vivid stripes refer to the _____.

Ans. lines on the tiger's body

(ii) Which word from the extract is the opposite of 'loud'?

Ans. quiet

(iii) The use of the phrase 'pads of velvet' means

- (a) neck (b) tail (c) skin (d) paws

Ans. paws

(iv) State whether the following statement is True or False :

The confinement of the cramped space of the cage has restricted the tiger's steps.

Ans. true

(v) The tiger was lurking in shadow _____.

- (a) to catch its prey (b) as the cage was dark
(c) as the velvet was quiet (d) as he was in a rage

Ans. (a) to catch its prey

8. Attempt any four out of the five questions given below in 40-50 words each.

(a) What did Pranjol and Rajvir do during the journey ? Why ?

Ans. Pranjol - either read the detective stories or listened to Rajvir.

Rajvir - Enjoyed the greenery, Shared his knowledge about the tea with Pranjol. Because Pranjol has been born and brought up on a tea plantation. Rajvir had seen his first time.

(b) Who read the letter sent by Lencho ? What did he do then ?

Ans. Postmaster read the letter. Initially he laughed but soon he became serious and decided to gather money and send it to Lencho on behalf of God.

(c) Where is Coorg located ? Write any two characteristics of the people or Coorg ?

Ans. Coorg is located midway between Mysore and Mangalore. The people of Coorg are fiercely independent and brave. They are very hospitable.

(d) Kisa Gotami went from door to door when her son died. What was the result ?

Ans. She did not find any house where nobody died. She visited many houses to find any house with no tragedy but it was not possible this is the pattern of life that we are born and we die. All human beings are mortal.

(e) What did custard look like ?

Ans. The custard Dragon had big, sharp teeth. He had spikes on his head and scales underneath the spikes. His nose was like a chimney and he breathed out fire all the time. His nails were as sharp as daggers.

9. Attempt any two out of the three questions given below in 40-50 words each :

(a) Why does Anil not hand over Hari Singh to the police ?

Ans. Hari would never understand his act of kindness.

Anil wanted to change Hari.

Wanted to give him another chance

(b) What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Social Science teacher have about him ?

Ans. Ebright was competitive in a true sense

To win not just for the sake of winning

Accomplish his ambition

The best in whatever he does

(c) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice ? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice ?

Ans. To cut down on sweet things

To give him plenty of exercise

Mrs. Pumphrey did not pay attention to his advice

She thought Tricky was weak

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words :

- (a)** Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus ?

Ans. Challenge to arrange the required amount of money

Had to save stray coins

Resisting every temptation to buy peppermint, toys, balloons

Saved sixty paise

Didn't ride the merry go round

Suppressed her strong desire

- (b)** Through the story of Kisa Gotami, what did the Buddha try to preach to the common man?

Ans. Death and suffering are common to all

No way to avoid death or suffering

Compared to an earthen vessel, sooner or later die

Ripe fruits are in danger of falling

Peace of mind only to those who do not lament, complain and grieve

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words :

- (a)** Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed ?

Ans. Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment for women. Bholi, at first agreed to marry an old man because of her father's honour was at stake. However later she refused to marry him because she saw how greedy and contemptible he was.

Bishamber took advantage of Bholi's bad looks and the desperation of her father to get her married. This is why she rejected the marriage and silenced everybody who called her shameless.

- (b)** Those who are satisfied with what they have are happy in life. Those who aspire more than what they can afford ruin their life. Matilda was one such person. If she were content with her life she would have led a happy life. Elaborate on the basis of the chapter 'The Necklace'.

Ans. It is true that contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. Matilda suffered in her life because she was not content in her life. She was a pretty beautiful lady and

married to an honest person. But Matilda was not content with her husband's job and salary. She wanted to live a luxurious life which he could not afford.

Once she got opportunity to attend a high-profile party. She didn't have a proper dress and jewels. She borrowed a necklace from her friend. She lost it in the party and has to suffer for a long period of time just to pay for it. Her over ambition and craze for luxury ruined her life.