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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) with a suitable title (1 mark) :

Effective communication skills are crucial for success in both personal and professional life. Combining good technical skills with strong communication skills can set you apart from your colleagues. People often judge, evaluate, promote or block others based on their communication abilities. Developing effective communication skills

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involves observing great communicators and adapting their style and traits in both written and verbal forms. It is also important to listen and learn from every interaction, as this can help improve communication skills.

Learning what not to say is just as important as learning what to say. As your career progresses, you will realise that speaking less can be wise. It is important to speak only when you have something valuable to add. Poorly constructed e-Mails with grammatical errors should be avoided, especially when communicating formally with superiors. It is also important to avoid communicating in an emotional state, as this can lead to saying things that may be regretted later. One word spoken at the wrong time or place can have a significant impact on relationships, careers and even lives. If a mistake is made, it is important to apologise immediately to avoid long-term consequences. Speaking too fast can be a common problem, as our minds often work

faster than our speech. However, speaking does not necessarily mean that the listener will understand faster. It is important to slow down and think before speaking. Ibrahim Lincoln once said, "When I get ready to speak to people, I spend two-thirds of the time thinking about what they want to hear and one-third thinking about what I want to say." Adding humour can also be beneficial, but it is important to be mindful of boundaries and avoid saying anything that could offend others. It is important to remember that being witty does not mean intentionally offending others.

In conclusion, effective communication skills are essential for success in various aspects of life. Combining technical skills with strong communication skills can give individuals an advantage in their careers. It is important to learn from great communicators. Additionally it is crucial to be mindful of what is said, as well as to avoid speaking too fast and to use humour appropriately. By developing effective communication skills, individuals can enhance their relationships, careers and over all well-being.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Critical thinking is a crucial skill that helps us make judgements and solve problems. It involves analysing a question or situation down to its basic parts, which allows us to evaluate the accuracy and truthfulness of information. We use critical thinking everyday, whether we are deciding which product to buy or evaluating the credibility of a statement. In an academic setting, critical thinking becomes even more important as we analyse information and consider multiple perspectives. By asking questions and considering the source and quality information, we can sharpen our critical thinking skills and become better learners.

Reading comprehension worksheets are a great way to develop critical thinking skills. These worksheets are designed to elicit the use of

deductive reasoning, logical inference and an understanding of scope. They require students to think critically and draw inferences from the text. The worksheets are available for students of all ages and ability levels. They can be used to supplement verbal reasoning and critical reasoning skills. Additionally, there are online quiz forms available for many of the resources.

Another resource for developing critical thinking skills is the 'Critical Thinking Comprehension' series. This series includes short fun activities that help students identify and evaluate text and evidence. The activities are ideal for class discussion and independent work. The focus on the skills needed to fully comprehend written information. The series covers a wide range of topics, including animals, science and history. By engaging with these activities, students can improve their critical thinking abilities and become better readers.

In conclusion, critical thinking is a vital skill that helps us evaluate information and make informed judgements. Reading comprehension worksheets and 'Critical Thinking' series are valuable resources for developing these skills.

Questions :

(i) According to the text what are some examples of situations where critical thinking is used ?

- (A) Deciding which product to buy and evaluating the credibility of a statement
- (B) Analysing information and considering multiple perspectives
- (C) Engaging in class discussion and independent work
- (D) All of these

~~(ii)~~ What is the purpose of reading comprehension worksheets mentioned in the text ?

- (A) To develop deductive reasoning and logical inference skills
- (B) To supplement verbal reasoning and critical thinking skills
- (C) To evaluate the accuracy and truthfulness of information
- (D) To elicit the use of analytical thinking and scope understanding

~~(iii)~~ Complete the sentence appropriately with a characteristic or its description :

Based on the information given in the text, one can infer that critical thinking is

~~(iv)~~ Which source mentioned in the text covers a wide range of topics ?

- (A) Critical Thinking for Reading Comprehension series
- (B) Online quiz forms for reading comprehension worksheets
- (C) Activities designed to identify and evaluate text and evidence
- (D) Resources available for students of all ages and ability levels

(v) Which adjective in the passage is synonymous with 'using analysis' ?

~~(vi)~~ Critical thinking is important in academics as it helps analyse information ? (True/False)

(vii) Which word is antonym of 'faults' ?

- (A) Perfections
- (B) Fumbles
- (C) Inaccuracies
- (D) Defects

(viii) Reading comprehension worksheets are a gateway to develop

(ix) What is the purpose of critical thinking ?

(x) Why is it important for students to consider multiple perspectives when engaging in critical thinking ? 1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. Your institute, 'Global Cable Cars' has decided to organise a camp to attract tourists towards cable cars at Gulmarg. Draft a poster to create awareness about the camp giving all the necessary details (30-50 words).

Or

As General Manager, Super Software Solutions, Phalgam, you need a software engineer for your organisation. Draft an advertisement for the 'Situations Vacant' column of Greater Kashmir stating your requirements (30-50 words).

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4. Drug addiction is a disease that affects the brain and behaviour, and it can be difficult to overcome without support. Write a letter to Editor, Kashmir Times, highlighting the harmful effects of drugs on individual and society as a whole (120–150 words).

Or

A man had been hit by a speeding vehicle and was lying on the ground, unconscious and badly injured. Arsh, rushed to the man's side, called for an ambulance in this difficult situation and assisted the paramedics to help the injured reach hospital and save his life. Imagine, you are the Principal of CXZ School where Arsh studies. Write a letter to the Director Education recommending Arsh for the National Bravery Award (120–150 words).

5. Write an e-Mail to your friend thanking him for sending you the reference material for your studies (50–80 words).

Internet is rapidly affecting our daily routines, lives and professions.

Write a personal account of how the use of internet has affected you as a person (200–250 words).

Or

As a reporter with Rising Kashmir, write a report on the increasing menace of corruption in Jammu and Kashmir (200–250 words).

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7. Eight errors in the following passage have been numbered (1) to (8).

Correct them and written down the corrected forms only against the respective number :

As a (1) man was rushed to the hospital, Raju couldn't help but worry about his condition. He had visited (2) the hospital everyday hoping for good news. Finally after weeks of uncertainty, (3) the man required consciousness. He was grateful of (4) Raju for saving his life and vow (5) to make the most of his second chance. News of Raju's

heroic act spread throughout the town, so (6) he became a local hero,
 the (7) community praised him for his selflessness and bravery.
 Raju's parents wouldn't (8) be prouder of their son.

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Section-C

(Literature)

8. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (1 mark each) :

"See Betty

And Dolly" she'd say, "and look how they

Dressed us for the beach." The sea holiday

Was her past, mine is her laughter, Both wry

With the laboured ease of loss.

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Questions :

(i) ✓ Name the poem and the poet.

(ii) ✓ Who in the extract is talking about Betty and Dolly ?

(iii) ✓ How is he/she related to the poet ?

(iv) ✓ Name the poetic device in the last line. 1×4=4

(b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40–50 words each

(3 marks each) : <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

(i) ✓ What does the rain say about its connection to the earth
and the sea ?

(ii) ✓ How does the poet feel about losing his childhood
innocence ?

(iii) Why did the king change his mind about hanging the
workman ? (The Tale of Melan City) 3×2=6

9. Answer any *three* of the following questions in **40–50** words :

- (a) Critically analyse that the authors grandmother was a person strong in character.
- (b) How does the story suggest that optimism helps to endure, 'the direst stress' ? (We're not afraid to die)
- (c) Explain the statement critically, "King Tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned in death, as in life".
- (d) Laws are never respected nor enforced in India. Discuss in light of, 'The Ailing Planet'.
- (e) Explain, "You have passed through a fantastic experience or more correctly, a catastrophic experience." (The Adventure) 3x3=9

10. Answer the following question in **150–200** words :

Critically comment on Mourad's behaviour of challenging the perception of his sanity.

Or

What do you infer from, 'The Address' as a story of human predicament that follows war.

1. Answer the following question in 120–150 words :

What connections can you make between the role reversal in the play and the concept of empathy ? (Mother's Day)

Or

How does the play challenge traditional gender roles and stereotypes.

(Mother's Day)

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