

10. What can be a consequence of framing in public discourse?

- A) Uniform agreement
- B) Shaping public opinion
- C) Increased censorship
- D) Reduced news consumption

Writing & Grammar Section – 12 Marks

Q2. Read the product details on a label for a school bag:

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ECO-FRIENDLY SCHOOL BAG

1. Made from recycled materials
2. Ergonomic design with padded shoulder straps and breathable mesh back panel
3. Spacious main compartment with multiple pockets and organisers
4. Reflective strips for visibility and safety
5. Water-resistant fabric
6. Available in various vibrant colours and patterns

Now, analyse why this school bag would be a beneficial purchase. Write the analytical paragraph in 120 words, considering factors such as its Eco friendliness, comfort features, functionality, safety aspects, and design options.

Q3. Fill in the blanks:

1x3=3

Before alighting, the Wild Pigeon, like the Carolina Parrot and a few other species of birds, breaks the force of its flight by repeated flapping, (a)_____ (so/although/even/as if) apprehensive of receiving injury from coming too suddenly (b)_____ (with/in/inside/at) contact, either with the branch, (c)_____ (or/and/neither/nor) the spot of ground on which it intends to settle.

Q4. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the exact line number.

1x4=4

Dolphins and killer whales have learned elaborate routine
to entertain aquarium audiences. They are thought
by men to being even more scientifically
intelligent than me. In scientific
experiments they had showed great
skill for distinguishing between objects.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____

Literature Section – 28 Marks

Q5. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:

1x4=4

*“He stalks in his vivid stripes,
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.”*

- (a) Why the tiger could walk only a few steps?
- (b) How does the tiger move in the cage?
- (c) What are the two qualities of the animal under reference?
- (d) Why is he in quiet rage?

OR

*"But if it had to perish twice
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great and would suffice."*

- (a) What does 'it' refer to in the first line?
- (b) What do you mean by 'perish'?
- (c) What does ice stand for?
- (d) What would be the cause of destruction?

Q6. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:

1x4=4

"And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man."

- (a) Who is the 'man' referred to in the above extract?
- (b) Why did the 'man' have a pistol in his hand?
- (c) What is meant by the phrase 'authentic thrill' in the above extract?
- (d) What is the opposite of 'automatic'?

OR

"Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25 – a tall, lean fellow – and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence."

"You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. A little flattery helps in making friends."

- (a) Why the narrator was talking to the young boy watching the wrestling match?
- (b) What is the meaning of the line 'I hadn't had much luck of late'?
- (c) Explain 'I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.'
- (d) Why Anil looked easy-going, kind and simple to the narrator?

Q7. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words:

3x5=15

- a) How can you say that it was hard for Mrs. Pumphrey to part with her doting pet?
- b) What made the poet change his mood?
- c) Why and how did the postmaster help Lencho?
- d) Why did Ausable frame the story of the balcony?
- e) What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed?

Q8. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

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Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

OR

Ausable was a successful secret agent. What qualities can be attributed to him? Give some examples?