

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

CLASS: XII
SUB: GENERAL ENGLISH

TIME: 3 Hrs
MAX MARKS: 80

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

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

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier.

Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to the law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoted to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust- qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over 1000 years; trust, judgement, and diligence are the pillars of this profession. The most important pillar is the relationship of trust between a lawyer and clients, which can only be achieved through human connection and interaction.

While artificial intelligence can be useful in scanning and organizing documents pertaining to a case, it cannot perform higher-level tasks such as sharp decision making, relationship-building with valuable clients and writing legal briefs, advising clients, and appearing in court. These are over and above the realm of computerization.

The smooth proceeding of a case is not possible without sound legal research. While presenting cases lawyers need to assimilate information in the form of legal research by referring to a number of relevant cases to find those that will favour their client's motion. Lawyers are even required to thoroughly know the opposing stand and supporting legal arguments they can expect to prepare a watertight defence strategy. AI, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents.

AI utilizes big-data analytics which enables visualization of case data. It also allows for creation of a map of the cases which were cited in previous cases

10 Marks



	<p>and their resulting verdicts, as per the website Towards Data Science. The probability of a positive outcome of a case can be predicted by leveraging predictive analytics with machine learning. This is advantageous to firms as they can determine the return on investment in litigation and whether an agreement or arbitration should be considered.</p>	
2	<p>Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>I got posted in Srinagar in the 1980s. Its rugged mountains, gushing rivers and vast meadows reminded me of the landscapes of my native place – the Jibhi Valley in Himachal Pradesh. Unlike Srinagar that saw numerous tourists, Jibhi Valley remained clouded in anonymity. That’s when the seed of starting tourism in Jibhi was planted. I decided to leave my service in the Indian Army and follow the urge to return home.</p> <p>We had two houses – a family house and a traditional house, which we often rented out. I pleaded with my father to ask the tenant to vacate the house so that I could convert it into a guesthouse. When my family finally relented, I renovated the house keeping its originality intact, just adding windows for sunlight.</p> <p>I still remember the summer of 1992 when I put a signboard outside my first guesthouse in Jibhi Valley! The village residents, however, were sceptical about my success. My business kept growing but it took years for tourism to take off in Jibhi Valley. Things changed significantly after 2008 when the government launched a home stay scheme. People built home stays and with rapid tourism growth, the region changed rapidly. Villages turned into towns with many concrete buildings. Local businesses and tourists continued putting a burden on nature.</p> <p>Then, with the 2020-21 pandemic and lockdown, tourism came to a complete standstill in Jibhi Valley. Local people, who were employed at over a hundred home stays and guesthouses, returned to their villages. Some went back to farming; some took up pottery and some got involved in government work schemes. Now, all ardently hope that normalcy and tourism will return to the valley soon. In a way, the pandemic has given us an opportunity to introspect, go back to our roots and look for sustainable solutions.</p> <p>For me, tourism has been my greatest teacher. It brought people from many countries and all states of India to my guesthouse. It gave me exposure to different cultures and countless opportunities to learn new things. Most people who stayed at my guesthouse became my repeat clients and good friends. When I look back, I feel proud, yet humbled at the thought that I was not only able to fulfill my dream despite all the challenges, but also play a role in establishing tourism in the beautiful valley that I call home.</p> <p>1. The scenic beauty of Srinagar makes the writer feel</p> <p>A. awestruck B. nostalgic C. cheerful D. confused</p>	1×10 = 10 Marks



	<p>2. A collocation is a group of words that often occur together. The writer says that Jibhi valley remained clouded in anonymity. Select the word from the options that correctly collocates with clouded in.</p> <p>A. disgust B. anger C. doubt D. joy</p> <p>3. The author was posted in Srinagar in 1991. (true/false)</p> <p>4. The phrase 'seed of starting journalism' refers to</p> <p>A. initiation B. growth C. termination D. follow-up</p> <p>5. What was the effect of local businesses and tourists on nature?</p> <p>6. Which word in paragraph 4 means 'to examine one's own thoughts and feelings'?</p> <p>7. Before the lockdown _____ was a source of employment for local people?</p> <p>8. How did the author manage to keep the originality of the house intact?</p> <p>9. What did the author do in the summer of 1992?</p> <p>10. The antonym of skeptical is _____.</p>	
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SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

3	<p>You are Rohini Rajan. You want a dance teacher for your younger sister. Write an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper in 40-50 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Your grandparents are celebrating 50 years of their marriage next week. Invite your friend to a party at your home in 40-50 words.</p>	4 Marks
4	<p>As Manager of M/s Sharma & Co, 124 Pacca Danga, Jammu, write a letter to M/s Hindustan Furnishers, Gangyal, Jammu, asking for quotation of prices of furniture items for offices and homes. Also inquire about the discount, billing process and credit facilities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Write a letter to the Mayor of your city complaining about the excess flow of traffic outside your school gate and give suggestions for resolving the issue. You are Showkat Hussain, Head Boy of GAV Public School, Srinagar.</p>	6 Marks
5	<p>You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of teacher in High Dale School, Jammu. Write your resume and cover letter (120-150) to the Principal applying for the job.</p> <p>Resume: 4 marks Cover letter: 2 marks</p>	6 Marks
6	<p>The 21st century has been called the century of women's equality. Young Women are breaking barriers and creating new models of achievement and leadership. Arunima Sinha, despite losing her leg in a horrific train accident,</p>	6 Marks



	<p>scaled Mount Everest and several other peaks across the world. Write a personality profile of any woman achiever you admire or consider a role model. (200-250 words)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>People encounter many obstacles and suffer through many failures in life. Such experiences strengthen their character and equip them with abilities to face challenges confidently and successfully. Recount a real experience you had that changed your perspective and turned out to be a lifelong lesson. (200-250 words)</p>	
7	<p>Edit the following passage:</p> <p>I was lucky to have so good teachers, said Gurudev. I remained silent. Then he continued, 'I made me work on the path they laid before me, from getting on before the crack of dawn to cleaning the dirtiest places on the premises. If I stand before you today and offer my teachings to you, it is because of my gurus.' I was feeling relaxed as he spoke in his placid tone and peaceful voice that seemed to come from some serene grove where a brook babbled in tranquility. I was about to go for a trance when Gurudev lifts his hands above his head, joined them together and said, 'we are merely puppets! Our strings are held by Him, the Everlasting, the Ever-knowing.'</p>	8 Marks
SECTION C: LITERATURE		
8	<p>a. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow (1 mark each):</p> <p><i>When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by. The tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name the poem and the poet. 2. Who is the aunt afraid of? 3. What do the tigers represent here? 4. Name the figure of speech used in line 2. <p>b. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each (3 marks each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What were the poet's feelings on her way to the airport? ii. What is the sadness the poet refers to in 'Keeping Quiet'? iii. Write about the image the poet uses to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth in 'A Thing of Beauty'. 	4 x 6 = 10 Marks
9	<p>Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Describe the background in which 'The Last Lesson' has been set. b) Mention some of the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry. c) How does Douglas overcome his fear of water? d) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap? e) Why did Gandhi consider the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life? 	3x3= 9 Marks



10	<p>Answer the following question in 150-200 words: Apparent illogicality sometimes turns out to be a futuristic projection. Discuss with reference to 'The Third Level'. OR Do you agree that 'The Enemy' teaches us we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of National loyalty? Justify your answer.</p>	6 Marks
11	<p>Answer the following question in 120-150 words: The theme of 'On the Face of It' is that optimism in one's attitude helps deal with all challenges in life. Discuss. OR The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. Discuss in light of 'On the Face of It'.</p>	5 Marks

