

Sample Question Paper

2025-26

English

Class -12

Time : 3 hr 15 mins

Max Marks-100

General Instructions :

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks are indicated against questions.

Section-A –Reading

Q-1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Amar , 50, likes to think of AI as a 'clever junior' - someone who doesn't sleep, has a phenomenal head for numbers, and is open to learning. And that's precisely what he has created for himself. Over the past six months, he has trained his 'Claude-2' model to talk exactly like him. "I don't like long paragraphs, I prefer bullet points. And I like to think my tone is warm," he says, confiding that he uses AI to help draft and proofread tactical business as usual content. As a senior executive at a multinational design and marketing firm, this saves Amar a tonne of time - time that he can spend on more creative pursuits that include designing an ad campaign or tweaking a video game.

Over the course of the last- few years, AI has disrupted almost all vocations: not just the creative ones like film, TV, design or animation, but also the more corporate-oriented fields, whether that is software engineering, accounting, marketing or healthcare.

Most people I contacted said that at around the same time last year, they were terrified: of being left behind, losing their jobs and becoming obsolete. But now their fear, for the most part, seems to have ebbed in favour of cautious optimism. The 'creatives' are slowly realising that **AI can aid, but not necessarily replace what they do,** while the 'corporates' are discovering technology's ability to enhance their output in many little ways. Most have started integrating AI into their work in some capacity. Some are even prepared for a radical shift in skill sets in the next few years. Change is coming, and people want to be equipped to handle it.

- (a) In what ways is the AI a 'Clever Junior'? 3
- (b) Which fields are affected by the growth of AI? 3
- (c) Why are professionals worried about the growth of AI? 3
- (d) How are professionals preparing to cope up with the new situations? 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'a planned series of activities related to a specific aim' ? 1
- (ii) Which word in the passage is opposite to 'up to date'? 1
- (iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'aid' with another similar meaning word. 1

Section B-Writing

Q-2 .Write an article on **any one** of the following topics in about 150 words- 10

- a) Online Shopping- Necessity or Craze
- b) Need for Career Counselling in Schools
- c) My Childhood Fantasy

Q-3. You are Ruchi/Ravi, residing at 13, Park Avenue Colony, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily to show your concern towards growing linguistic intolerance in country. 10

Or

You are Shubha/Subrat of 17, Sarojini Nagar, Varanasi. Write a letter to the Branch Manager of a bank in your vicinity to complain against the non functional passbook printing machine.

Section C- Grammar

Q-4) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions- 5x2=10

- a) Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'less speaking'?
 - i) My **taciturn** roommate makes me feel lonely sometimes.
 - ii) Your **gullible** nature may land you in trouble.

- iii) This accident left me speechless.
 - iv) A garrulous person is mostly annoying.
- b) Which of the following is a pair of antonyms?
- i) need-urge
 - ii) dismal- disappointing
 - iii) vanish- disappear
 - iv) stout- slender
- c) ‘Tell me the matter in a nutshell’, means –
- i) Describe the matter briefly.
 - ii) Describe the matter in detail.
 - iii) Speak quickly.
 - iv) Speak in a low voice.
- d) A child who is unusually good at something is-
- i) prodigal
 - ii) a prodigy
 - iii) pre- mature
 - iv) proactive
- e) Which of the following sentences is correct ?
- i) I have finished my work yesterday.
 - ii) He told me that he will sing a song.
 - iii) More you work, stronger you become.
 - iv) Kindly look into the matter.

Q-5 a) Change **any one** of the following into indirect speech-

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- i) Joseph always says. “My daughter was my life.”
- ii) The king said, “Farewell ! My countrymen.”

b) Combine **any one** of the following as directed-

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- i) It was raining heavily. The school was closed (complex sentence)
- ii) Take all. Take nothing. (compound sentence)

c) Transform **any one** of the following as directed-

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- i) This is the scariest movie I have ever seen. (Comparative degree)
- ii) It has rained everyday this week. (Negative sentence)

d) Correct **any one** of the following sentences.

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- i) He was enough kind to help me.
- ii) The excess produce of wheat can be imported to other countries.

e) Use **any one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear- 2

- i) clause—claws
- ii) pain—pane

Q-6) Translate the following passage in English –

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मधुमेह आजकल एक आम व्याधि हो गई है। अत्यंत युवा व्यक्ति से लेकर वृद्ध तक इससे पीड़ित है। इस व्याधि से शरीर में पर्याप्त मात्रा में इंसुलिन न बन पाने के कारण रक्त शर्करा की मात्रा अनियंत्रित हो जाती है। कुछ लोगों में यह आनुवंशिक होती है। परन्तु अब अधिकांश लोगों में यह उनकी अनियमित दिनचर्या के कारण बढ़ रही है। अनियंत्रित खानपान, अनिद्रा, तनाव, लम्बे समय तक बैठ कर काम करना तथा शारीरिक श्रम का अभाव इस बीमारी को बढ़ाने वाले कुछ कारण हैं। मधुमेह स्वयं तो एक बीमारी है ही साथ ही यह शरीर की अन्य बीमारियों की जटिलता को बढ़ा देती है। योग, व्यायाम, नियमित दिनचर्या तथा नियंत्रित खान-पान से हम काफी हद तक इससे बच सकते हैं।

Section D- Literature

Q-7) Answer the following questions in about 40 words each-

4+4=8

a) 'What a thunderclap these words were to me!' Which words are referred to here and what is their significance?

Or

What was decided to settle the case of sharecroppers?

b) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?

Or

What is ironical about the name 'Sahab-e-Alam'?

Q.8. Answer **any one** of the following in about 80 words-

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a) What is an interview? What was Umberto Eco's perspective on interviews? Do you think he liked being interviewed? Support your answer with specific examples from the text.

b) Who was Subbu? What impression of Kothamangalam Subbu do you form on the basis of the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?

Q.9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow - 3x2=6

It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines,

We would all be together

In a sudden strangeness.

Fishermen in the cold sea

Would not harm whales

And the man gathering salt

Would look at his hurt hands.

- a) Why would it be an exotic and strange moment?
- b) What is the poet trying to indicate by 'without rush, without engines'?
- c) How would keeping quiet be helpful for our environment?

Q.10. Write the central idea of **any one** of the following poems-

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- a) A Thing of Beauty
- b) The Roadside Stand
- c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

Q.11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each-

4+4=8

- a) What unusual incident happened at the time of prince's birth?

Or

What was Gondwana? What happened to it later?

- b) Why did Sadao help the American soldier?

Or

How is Derry's idea of a friend different from that of Mr. Lamb?

Q.12. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 80 words-

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- a) Who is Bama? How does Bama experience discrimination in her childhood?
- b) What physical disabilities do Mr. Lamb and Derry suffer from? What does Derry mean by saying "If I don't go back there, I'll never go anywhere in this world again?"