



CLASS: VIII
Date: 16/01/2024

MAX. MARKS: 20
TIME: 40 MINUTES

General Instructions:

- The Question Paper contains THREE sections.
- Section A-Reading 4 Marks
- Section B- Creative writing skills and Grammar 7 Marks
- Section C-Literature 9 Marks
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Chandrayaan-3 was launched on July 14, 2023. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) initiated this project with the aim of achieving a successful landing on the moon's surface using its Vikram lander, which deployed the Pragyaan rover to conduct experiments and gather valuable data. The mission is focused on studying the moon's geology, mineralogy, and exosphere, contributing to our understanding of the moon's origin and evolution.

The objectives of the Chandrayaan-3 mission are to demonstrate a safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, showcase rover roving on the moon, and conduct in-situ scientific experiments. To achieve these mission objectives, the Lander is equipped with several advanced technologies, including laser- and RF-based altimeters, velocimeters, and a propulsion system. To successfully demonstrate these advanced technologies under Earth conditions, various special tests for the Lander, such as Integrated Cold Test, Integrated Hot Test, and Lander Leg Mechanism Performance Test, have been planned and carried out successfully.

Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions, based on the passage above.

- What is the main focus of the Chandrayaan-3 mission?
 - Studying Earth's atmosphere
 - Investigating the moon's geology, mineralogy, and exosphere
 - Exploring the outer planets of the solar system
 - Searching for signs of life on Mars
- Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are the objectives of the Chandrayaan-3 mission?
 - showcasing rover roving
 - Landing on Mars and studying its atmosphere
 - Flying through the asteroid belt and collecting samples
 - Observing the sun's activity and solar flares
 - Demonstrating a safe and soft landing on the moon

A. II and I B. I and V C. I and III D. II and IV
- Find the synonym of 'establishment' in the above passage.
- Which technologies are equipped in the Lander for Chandrayaan-3?
- Which organisation initiated the Chandrayaan-3 project?

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

WRITING

2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions.

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- You met your old friend in the market today after five years. Write a diary entry in about 50 words expressing your thoughts and emotions on the meeting.

OR

- ii. You have just read an inspiring biography of a famous personality. Write a diary entry in about 50 words expressing how this person's life story has influenced you.

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY FOUR of the following tasks, as directed.

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- i. Choose the correct modal from the given options to complete the given sentence.
You _____ respect your elders.
A. dare
B. could
C. would
D. ought to
- ii. Fill in the blank with an appropriate modal.
Percy _____ hold his breath for two minutes. (ability)
- iii. Choose the correct determiner from the given options to complete the given sentence.
Ram has given _____ memorable performances both in India and abroad.
A. many
B. both
C. much
D. one
- iv. Fill in the blank with an appropriate determiner.
_____ Indian should be proud of his /her country.
- v. Identify the determiner in the given sentence and write what type it is.
He stood first in the painting competition.

SECTION C

4. Read the extract and answer ANY THREE of the following questions:

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*“Somebody said that it couldn’t be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That “maybe it couldn’t,” but he would be one
Who wouldn’t say so till he’d tried.”*

- i. The language in the poem creates a mood of _____ .
A. arrogance B. determination C. worry D. envy
- ii. Which poetic device has been used in the last line?
A. Alliteration
B. Simile
C. Repetition
D. Metaphor
- iii. What does ‘it’ refer to in the first line?
- iv. State whether the following statement is **True** or **False** according to the poet.
‘A positive attitude always helps.’

5. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 25-30 words.

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- i. Why was Ray particularly impressed with the magic lantern? (Old Toys and New Magic)
- ii. What was the mesmerizing card trick performed by the magician? (Old Toys and New Magic)
- iii. How did the person respond to the people who discouraged him? (It Couldn’t Be Done)

6. Write the meaning of ANY ONE word given below and frame a meaningful sentence.

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- i. amuse
ii. astound
