

Section A - 20 marks

Q1.1. Answer any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. 8m

a. How is the Mughal Garden designed?

Ans. The Mughal Garden is designed as three successive terraces which are rectangular, long and circular.

b. Describe the main Mughal Garden.

Ans. The rectangular terrace or main Mughal Garden has beautiful features like four canals, six Mughal fountains, a 70 square metre central lawn, 144 moulasari trees with umbrella canopies, beautiful roses and several lawns of different sizes.

c. Where were the historically important national meetings and the popular at-home functions on Republic Day organized?

Ans. The historically important national meetings and the popular at-home functions on Republic Day were organized at rectangular garden or the main Mughal Garden.

d. Describe the Long Garden.

Ans. The Long Garden has a 50 - metre-long central path and a pergola in the middle covered with flowering creepers. On both sides of the path, there are rose beds and a row of Chinese orange trees.

e. Write about the banquet held in the Central Garden.

Ans. The Central Garden was the venue for the banquet hosted in honour of the American president, George W. Bush, and his wife Laura, and the delegation accompanying them.

f. Who is referred as the 'presidential couple' in the first paragraph? What was their response?

Ans. The American president, George W. Bush and his wife Laura are the 'presidential couple' as per the first paragraph. They deeply appreciated the banquet hosted in their honour.

g. When is the garden open to the public?

Ans. The garden is open to the public from mid-February to mid-March without any fee.

h. For whom are the special days organized at the garden?

Ans. Special days are organized exclusively for special people like farmers, defence personnel, senior citizens, physically handicapped and visually impaired.

i. What is the word which means the same as 'employees' in para 3?

Ans. The word which means the same as 'employees' in para 3 is 'personnel'.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 8m

i. What did the local businessman observe and what did he do?

Ans. Abraham was 21 years old and he helped his father to shift and build a new home. One of the local businessmen noticed Abraham and felt that he was capable and employed him in his new store in a different city.

ii. What was Abraham's friend's advice? What did he feel about it? How did he achieve it?

Ans. One of Abraham's friends told him to become a lawyer. Though Abraham never believed that he could become one, decided to give it a try. He worked very hard and became a lawyer because once he set his heart on something, nothing could ever distract him from achieving his goal.

iii. What do you understand about Abraham as a husband and a father? How was he at home?

Ans. Abraham met Marya after he became a lawyer and married her. He was a good husband. They had four children together, all boys. He took care of his horse and milked the cow himself which makes us understand how well he cared for his family.

iv. Why did Abraham re-enter politics? What was the outcome?

Ans. Abraham was not offered high positions in the government and so he refused to accept them and continued in his profession, i.e as a lawyer. Abraham was angry when the government tried to pass an act allowing slavery. So, he opposed the law and re-entered politics and became the President.

v. Which were the darkest days of American history? Why?

Ans. The darkest days of American history plagued President Abraham because of the difference of opinion about 'slavery'. There was civil war in the southern states of America that allowed slavery. It showed the worst of America and the best of Abraham because of his determination, courage, sense of timing, compassion and his modesty shined so brightly that it paved the way for the ending of slavery as he had told his Father a long time back.

Q2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the blanks with appropriate words/phrases. 2m

i. Abraham's desire was to get high posts in government but he

Ans. was offered something smaller.

ii. The war showed two things:

Ans. the worst of America and the best of Abraham.

iii. Abraham was great because

Ans. his 'Humble birth did not retard his genius nor did high place corrupt his soul'.

2.3. Attempt any two of the following. Find out words which means the same as under: 2m

i) ability (para 1)

Ans. skill

ii) angry (para 4)

Ans. indignant

iii) felt sad (para 6)

Ans. grieved

Section B (Grammar and Writing) Marks : 30

Q3.

Ans. a. **Article** - CONTENT - 5 marks

ACCURACY 1.5 marks

FLUENCY 1.5 marks

b. **Letter** - FORMAT 1 mark - sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject/heading, salutation and complimentary close.

CONTENT - 4 marks

ACCURACY 1.5 marks

FLUENCY 1.5 marks

Q4. Story writing TITLE 1mark

CONTENT - 4 marks

ACCURACY 2.5 marks

FLUENCY 2.5 marks

Q5. One mark for each correct answer with the option. Answer any four-in order.

a. (iii) hesitated

b. (iv) from

c. (i) go

d. (ii) to

e. (i) that

Q6. (One mark for each answer. Answer any four-in order.)

	Word before	<u>Missing word</u>	After word
a.	was	<u>a</u>	sad

- b. journey to Epidamnum.
c. after his wife
d. birth to identical
e. time and in

Q7. (One mark for each answer. Answer any four-in order.)

- i. A long time ago, there was a king and a queen who had no children.
- ii. After a few years the queen gave birth to a beautiful girl.
- iii. She was christened Briar - rose.
- iv. The king held a grand feast.
- v. Delicious food was served in golden plates.

Section C (Literature and long reading text) Marks : 30

Q8. (Answer any one set of questions. One mark for each answer.)

a.

1. Who speaks these lines?

Ans. The nurse speaks these lines.

2. Who made the payment for Lucia?

Ans. Both the brothers Jacopo and Nicola made the payment for their sister Lucia.

3. What is the meaning of 'scarce'?

Ans. The meaning of the word 'scarce' is 'hard/tough to get/procure'.

4. What impression does the speaker have of the boys?

Ans. The speaker has a valued/high opinion on the boys.

b.

1. How does the frog react towards the nightingale's song?

Ans. The frog reacts by saying that the song was not bad but was far too long.

2. What do you think is the real aim of the poet in the dialogue given here?

Ans. The real aim of the poet in the above dialogue is to show how rough, coarse and incompetent people rule the competent, skilful and intelligent ones.

3. The frog is not justified in reviewing the song of the nightingale because

Ans. he is not good at music.

4. What was the main drawback of the song of the nightingale according to the frog?

Ans. The main drawback of the song of the nightingale according to the frog is that it was far too long and lacked a certain force.

Q9. (1 mark for content and 1 mark for grammatical accuracy)

All the answers **a to e** have to be written as per the Golden Reference Book or in own words with suitable value points.

Q10. (4 marks for content, 2 marks for fluency and 2 marks for grammatical accuracy)

The answer **a or b** has to be written as per the Golden Reference Book or in own words with suitable value points.

Q11. (5 marks for content, 2.5 marks for fluency and 2.5 marks for grammatical accuracy)

The answer **a or b** has to be written as per the prescribed book or in own words with suitable value points.