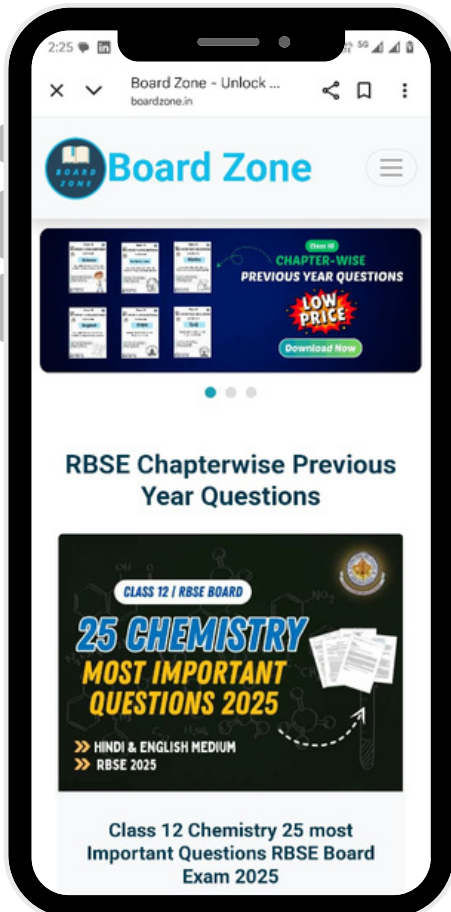


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सामान्य अनुदेश :

- 1) परीक्षार्थी प्रश्न-पत्र के पहले पृष्ठ पर अपना अनुक्रमांक अवश्य लिखें।
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- (2) All the questions are compulsory.
- (3) Write down the serial number of each question before attempting it.

SECTION - A

Q.1 ✓ Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions -

[8×1=8]

Hobbies are activities that we engage in, in our free time. We may be interested in needlework, drawing and painting or music. Other common hobbies are stamp-collecting, clay-modelling, solving crossword puzzles.

Although hobbies also entail work they are taken upon through one's own personal choice. They are not forced upon us. They are activities that we are really interested in and hence give us a great deal of pleasure.

Hobbies make life interesting. They refresh our minds after a hard day's work. We need to do something different in order to do our routine work effectively. Hobbies provide this variety.

Hobbies relieve us from the monotony of daily life. They fill us with enthusiasm for work and keep our energy levels high. We will go to any extent to get the things that we require, to get the utmost joy from our hobbies.

Hobbies are also useful activities. Quite a few hobbies, like stamp collecting, widen our general knowledge about various countries of the world. When we share common interest we even get into correspondence with people of other countries.

Questions -

- (i) What are Hobbies?
 - (ii) Write the name of different kind of hobbies.
 - (iii) Are hobbies matter of personal choice or not?
 - (iv) How do hobbies refresh our mind?
 - (v) How can hobbies help us develop our overall personality?
 - (vi) How can we meet with people of other countries?
- Find out the word from the passage which means -
- (vii) Free time activities
 - (viii) Happy



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Q.2 ✓ Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows -

[5×1=5]

Tourist to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction - a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' - claimed to be the only one such post office in the world - is built on an intricately carved maroon house boat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But after that the Chief Postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.

The Post Office's house boat has two small rooms - one serves as the office and the other as a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism at a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year, you need a fan in this post office.

Questions -

- (i) What is another attraction of tourist to Jammu and Kashmir?
- (ii) Where is floating post office built?
- (iii) How many rooms the post office has?
- (iv) How was the post office anchored at the time of flood in 2014?
- (v) Choose the word from the passage which means 'attraction'.



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SECTION - B

Q.3 ✓ You are an Engineer in need of a job in or around Jaipur. Write an advertisement for publication in a local newspaper.

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OR

You have received an invitation letter from the Principal and Staff of Govt. Senior School, Kota. You have to attend Annual Day function on 15 Jan., 2025 at 4.00 pm as the Chief Guest of the function. Write an informal reply accepting the invitation.

Q.4 ✓ You are the President of the Student Union of your school. An N.G.O. organised a Free Eye Operation Camp in your school. Your Principal asked you to observe the camp. Write a report based on your observation in 100 words.

[4]

OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words based on given clues on 'Global Warming'.

Clues: Global warming temperature greenhouse heat
inside growing danger human progress.

Q.5 ✓ You are Sameer, living in Jodhpur. You have purchased a refrigerator from a dealer. Write a letter for its replacement.

[5]

OR

Write a job application for the post of a College Professor along with Resume.

SECTION - C

Q.6 ✓ Combine the following sentences using the words given in brackets -

- (i) He finished his work. He went to bed. (after)
- (ii) I do not know the time. The school opens then. (when)



[2×1=2]

Q7 ✓ Combine the sentences as indicated in the brackets - [2×1=2]

(i) I am sure. I will finish the work. (Compound)

(ii) He saw his mother. He was glad. (Simple)

Q8 ✓ Write the appropriate phrasal verbs in the following sentences forming them with the help of the verbs given in the brackets - [2×1=2]

(i) His request for transfer was (turn)

(ii) A student should the orders of his teacher. (carry)

Q9 ✓ Fill in the blanks with appropriate word from the brackets - [2×1=2]

(i) The noise was too loud for me hear it. (too/to)

(ii) The batsman the bowlers played well. (as well as/yet)

SECTION - D

Q.10 ✓ Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows - [5×1=5]

When I first visited Gandhi in 1942 at his Ashram in Sevagram, in Central India, he said, "I will tell you how it happened that I decided to urge the departure of the British. It was in 1917."

He had gone to the December 1916 Annual Convention of the Indian National Congress Party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings Gandhi recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated and said, I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran and I want you to come to my district!" Gandhi had never heard of the place. It was in the foothills of the towering Himalayas, near the kingdom of Nepal.

Under an ancient arrangement, the Champaran peasants were sharecroppers. Rajkumar Shukla was one of them. He was illiterate but resolute. He had come to the Congress Session to complain about the injustice of the landlord system in Bihar, and somebody had probably said, "Speak to Gandhi".

Gandhi told Shukla he had an appointment in Cawnpore and was also committed to go to other parts of India. Shukla accompanied him everywhere.

Questions -

(i) Rajkumar Shukla was -

- (A) a sharecropper (B) a politician
(C) a delegate (D) a landlord

(ii) Rajkumar Shukla was -

- (A) physically strong (B) poor
(C) illiterate (D) rich

(iii) Where did Gandhi meet Rajkumar Shukla?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Cawnpore (C) Champaran (D) Sevagram

(iv) Where did Rajkumar Shukla accompanied Gandhi?

- (A) Ahmedabad (B) Lucknow (C) Anywhere (D) Everywhere

(v) The word 'peasant' in the passage means -

- (A) Poor (B) Farmer (C) Landlord (D) Illiterate

Q.11 Answer any one of the following question in about 60 words - [1×3=3]

What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dump? Where is he and where has he come from? (Lost Spring)

OR

What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool?

What plans did he make to come to the surface? (Deep Water)

Q.12 Answer the following questions in 20-30 words - [2×2=4]

(i) From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap? Why was he amused by his idea? (The Rattrap)

(ii) Why didn't Sophie want Jansie to know about her story with Danny? (Going Places)

- Q.13 Explain any one of the following stanza with reference to the context - [1×5=5]
- Driving from my parent's home
to Cochin last Friday morning,
I saw my mother, beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that of a corpse



OR

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
of the noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and O'er darkened ways
Made for our searching.

- Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 60 words - [1×3=3]
Write the central idea of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.

OR

Do you sympathise with Aunt Jennifer. What is the attitude of the speaker towards Aunt Jennifer?

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

- Q.15 Answer the following questions in 20-30 words - [2×2=4]

- (i) Which lines tell us about the insufferable pain that the poet feels at the thought of the plight of the rural poor? (A Roadside Stand)
- (ii) Why has the mother been compared to the late 'winter's moon'? (My Mother at Sixty Six)

- Q.16 Answer the following question in about 60 words - [1×3=3]
Write the character sketch of Derry. (On the Face of It)

OR

The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them? (The Third Level)

- Q.17 Answer the following questions in 20-30 words - [2×1½=3]

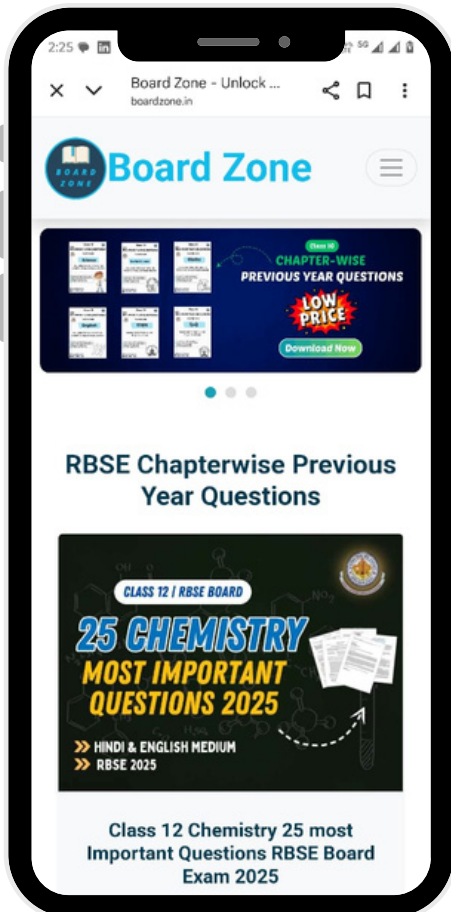
- (i) What would the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill? (The Tiger King)
- (ii) How do geological phenomena help us to know about the history of humankind?
(Journey to the End of the Earth)

- Q.18 Choose the correct alternative - [6×1=6]

- (1) Dr. Sadao was a -
(A) Doctor (B) Prisoner (C) Engineer (D) Patient
- (2) What did Hana take out from the cupboard?
(A) Knife (B) Revolver (C) Mat (D) Quilt
- (3) Who told Bama about untouchability?
(A) Her Teacher (B) Her Father (C) Her Mother (D) Her Brother
- (4) Zitkala-sa wanted to keep her hair -
(A) Short (B) Long (C) Very short (D) Medium sized
- (5) Who is the writer of the story 'The Tiger King'?
(A) Kalki (B) Kalka (C) Halki (D) Palki
- (6) Which type of continent is Antarctica?
(A) Coldest (B) Windiest (C) Driest (D) All of these



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