CBSE 2023 English — Set 1

English Medium

Time Allowed: 3 Hours | Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper contains 45 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. Section A — Reading Skills (20 marks).
3. Section B — Creative Writing Skills (16 marks).
4. Section C — Grammar (8 marks).
5. Section D — Literature (36 marks).

Q.1(i) [1 mark]

Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option:

Avalanche can be caused by

(a) new snow or rain
(b) heavy winds
(c) high altitude
(d) global warming

Q.0 [0 mark]

Comment on warning signs exist which allow experts to predict avalanches in two sentences.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Mention two reasons which destroyed the natural scenery.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'massive':

(a) tiny
(b) lengthy
(c) bulky
(d) extensive

Q.1(v) [1 mark]

The writer will agree with one of the given statements (paragraph 4):

(a) People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top.
(b) Put on an Oxygen Mask.
(c) Digging is not possible.
(d) Should not come close to the surface.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:

You may not have an idea of which way is up and which way is down.

(a) The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.
(b) Due to the torrential rain, there was a heavy flooding.
(c) The guest felt uneasy and uncomfortable watching the child's performance.
(d) The more the effort, the bigger the gain.

Q.0 [0 mark]

The major causes which do not trigger an avalanche:

(a) Earthquakes
(b) Snow fall
(c) Rain
(d) Plastic waste

Q.0 [0 mark]

Explosives can be used in places _____ (complete the sentence).

Q.0 [0 mark]

The word 'deadly' in the (3) paragraph nearly means:

(a) likely to cause death
(b) harmful
(c) very boring
(d) scary

Q.1(x) [1 mark]

Select the most suitable title for the above passage:

(a) Avalanches
(b) Adventure with Snow
(c) Ice Games
(d) Calamity

Q.2(i) [1 mark]

Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____.

1. use of private vehicles
2. increase in demand for cars
3. inability to keep pace with population control
4. travelling by public transport
5. emission of pollutants

(a) 4, 5
(b) 1, 5
(c) 1, 2
(d) 2, 3

Q.0 [0 mark]

Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from the paragraph 5.

organized : chaotic :: lowest : _____

Clue: Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly.

Q.2(v) [1 mark]

Complete the following sentence.

Use of public transport will reduce _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the appropriate option which states the methods of reducing traffic congestion.

1. start car pooling
2. add electric buses
3. increase in public modes of transport
4. increase car collection points
5. increase taxation

(a) 1, 4, 5
(b) 3, 5
(c) 2, 3, 4
(d) 1, 3

Q.0 [0 mark]

Analyse the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022. (A bar graph shows traffic congestion percentages: 2019: 56%, 2020: 48%, 2021: 51%, 2022: 51%)

Q.0 [0 mark]

Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

There are _____ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.

(a) beneficial
(b) adverse
(c) implicit
(d) explicit

Q.2(x) [1 mark]

Substitute the underlined word with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the

following sentence:
Citizens of Delhi/NCR have time and again pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce traffic congestion.

Q.3(i) [1 mark]

Reena always _____ the truth.

(a) spoke
(b) speaks
(c) will speak
(d) speaking

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line:
Bread and butter _____ my favourite breakfast.

(a) is
(b) are
(c) has been
(d) do

Q.0 [0 mark]

Read the conversation between two friends Ravi and Reena. Complete the sentence by reporting Reena's reply correctly.
Ravi: 'Reena, lend me hundred rupees.'
Reena: 'I don't have it right now, but I will arrange it for you.'
Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena replied that _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:
I can run fast when I was young.

Option no. | Error | Correction
a | was | is
b | run | ran
c | can | could
d | when | where

(a) a
(b) b
(c) c
(d) d

Q.3(v) [1 mark]

Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
Heena _____ from fever since last Sunday.

(a) suffered
(b) will suffer
(c) suffer
(d) has been suffering

Q.0 [0 mark]

Fill in the blank by using the correct word in the bracket.
Anyas _____ (eat) all the chocolates kept in the tray.

(a) ate
(b) eating
(c) have eaten
(d) eaten

Q.0 [0 mark]

Report the dialogue between a mother and a daughter by completing the sentence:
Mother: Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter: My exams are approaching.

In response to the question of the mother, the daughter replied that _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Identify the error in the given sentence:

The ship Titanic and her fate continues to fascinate the imagination of the people.

Use the given format for your response: Error | Correction

Q.0 [0 mark]

Ritu and Randeep are talking. Report Ritu's question.

Ritu – Where are you going?

Ritu asked _____.

Q.3(x) [1 mark]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan:

_____ smile and pass it to others.

(a) Happy
(b) Short
(c) Always
(d) Humble

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev:

Anil: Where are you going?

Sanjeev: To the airport.

Anil: May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction?

Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.

(a) he could be going in that direction
(b) he would be going in the direction

(c) he is going in the direction
(d) he was going in that direction

Q.0 [0 mark]

Identify the error in the newspaper headline:
Attractive packages for different Tourist destination – Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.
Use the given format for your response: Error | Correction

Q.4(a) [1 mark]

You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning of drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish. (Word limit 100-120)

Q.4(b) [1 mark]

(OR) The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But no such work done is seen. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern at the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem, in 100-120 words. You are Prabhu/Parvati of Vivek Vihar, Delhi.

Q.5(a) [1 mark]

The chart below displays details regarding online activity for four age groups in six categories. Write an analytical paragraph for the table provided in about 100 words.

Activity% | Teens | 20s | 30s | 40s
News | 76 | 71 | 72 | 78
Downloads | 85 | 55 | 35 | 25

Buying a product | 44 | 66 | 67 | 69
Online games | 88 | 55 | 36 | 28
Searching for a product | 0 | 77 | 81 | 85
Searching for people | 6 | 33 | 22 | 21

Q.5(b) [1 mark]

(OR) A survey was conducted in New Delhi in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 to 15 years. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words analyzing the following information:
(Bar graph showing: Dance ~25, Cricket ~40, Music ~60, Art ~30, Theatre ~35)

Q.0 [0 mark]

On the surface, it appears that Anne the thirteen-year-old girl _____.

(a) She had a family of many people.
(b) She had loving parents.
(c) She had thirty friends.
(d) She craves for a true friend.

Q.0 [0 mark]

How can we infer that the speaker felt alone in the world?

(a) She had a family of many people.
(b) She had loving parents.
(c) She had thirty friends.
(d) She craves for a true friend.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Anne and her friends talked about _____.

(a) their problematic parents
(b) their financial problems

(c) common everyday things
(d) the commuting problems

Q.0 [0 mark]

Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text:
alone : friends :: nothing : _____

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the idiom 'bring myself' from the extract:

(a) to do something willingly
(b) to do something unwillingly
(c) a charitable act
(d) an involuntary act

Q.0 [0 mark]

Mrs. Hall tripped because _____.

(a) the floor was oily.
(b) she was standing on a chair.
(c) she was in a state of panic.
(d) the door was slammed.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Mrs. Hall suspected everything in the room was put under a spell of witchcraft by _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Fill in the blank with one word only:
Mrs. Hall was afraid that spirits had entered _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

According to the extract, the feeling of Mrs. Hall can be best described as:
(1) stunned (2) happy (3) awestruck (4) nervous (5) outraged (6) agitated
Select the correct option:

(a) (2) and (4)
(b) (3) and (6)
(c) (5) and (6)
(d) (1) and (6)

Q.0 [0 mark]

'Spirits' in the above lines means the same as:

(a) ghosts
(b) conscience
(c) ego
(d) attitude

Q.0 [0 mark]

Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract:
Crocodiles can be identified by their _____.

(a) tears
(b) attitude
(c) smiles
(d) attacks

Q.0 [0 mark]

State whether the following statement is True or False:
Hyenas are famous for weeping.

Q.0 [0 mark]

'Novice' in line 2 means the same as:

(a) learner
(b) beast
(c) tender foot
(d) beginner

Q.0 [0 mark]

In this extract the poet has presented two different behavioural traits of animals. They are _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

The poet uses 'A novice might nonplus' instead of 'the novice might get confused'. How does this usage impact the poem?

(a) adds an incorrect option
(b) it is associated with beasts
(c) it rhymes and adds humour
(d) it simplifies the meaning

Q.0 [0 mark]

Complete the sentence appropriately.
The vivid stripes refer to the _____.

Q.0 [0 mark]

Which word from the extract is the opposite of 'loud'?

Q.0 [0 mark]

The use of the phrase 'pads of velvet' means:

(a) neck
(b) tail
(c) skin
(d) paws

Q.0 [0 mark]

State whether the following statement is True or False:

The confinement of the cramped space of the cage has restricted the tiger's steps.

Q.0 [0 mark]

The tiger was lurking in shadow _____.

(a) to catch its prey
(b) as the cage was dark
(c) as the velvet was quiet
(d) as he was in a rage

Q.8(a) [1 mark]

What did Pranjol and Rajvir do during the journey? Why?

Q.8(b) [1 mark]

Who read the letter sent by Lencho? What did he do then?

Q.8(c) [1 mark]

Where is Coorg located? Write any two characteristics of the people of Coorg.

Q.8(d) [1 mark]

How does the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' differ from the traditional ballad?

Q.8(e) [1 mark]

What does the Buddha say about the world?

Q.9(a) [1 mark]

Why does Anil not hand over Hari Singh to the police?

Q.9(b) [1 mark]

What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Social Science teacher, have about him?

Q.9(c) [1 mark]

What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice?

Q.10(a) [1 mark]

Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus?

Q.10(b) [1 mark]

(OR) Through the story of Kisa Gotami, what did the Buddha try to preach to the common man?

Q.11(a) [5 marks]

Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed?

Q.11(b) [5 marks]

(OR) Those who are satisfied with what they have are happy in life. Those who aspire more than what they can afford ruin their life. Matilda was one such person. If she were content with her life she would have led a happy life. Elaborate on the basis of the chapter 'The Necklace.'