

**SECTION A- READING (20 Marks)****1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

1. With the next round of the Commonwealth Games coming up this year, sports fans are already speculating about the likely winners from India. While chances appear bright in some sporting activities, in others the picture appears dismal. Chances of India throwing up a few surprises are always discussed among sports lovers. Most game watchers predict that while India can add more to its medals tally in the shooting events, the chances of improving her status in the swimming category appear slim, despite the potential of creating good swimmers in this country.
2. One sport in the country with tremendous potential but pathetic performance is swimming. The country is flooded with talented swimmers and coaches whose potential is not fully utilised due to red-tapism and bureaucratic hurdles. In spite of being a country full of rivers and canals, swimming has failed to capture the imagination of Indians at large. The Government, on its part, has done very little to boost the sport.
3. All those persons, who are interested in swimming, realise that bad quality of water is one rampant problem with almost 90% of swimming pools. As for schools, it requires exorbitant sums of money and the schools cannot afford it. A handful of the privileged few, who enjoy this luxury, fall in the category of the elite. These are out of reach of the common man.
4. Where do the Indians stand today in comparison with international swimmers? The history of swimming in India has not been too bright. International winners have excellent facilities in terms of coaching, nutrition, tactics, positive attitude and hard work. Paucity of high calibre international coaches is one setback Indians have suffered in all the arenas of sport. Thanks to the petty gains and trivial politics, the good ones are dropped like a hot potato and the blue-eyed ones taken over for participating in international matches. Except for the metros, the country is deprived of good Olympic-size swimming pools.
5. The government and sports organisations will have to make serious efforts to transform the future of Indian sports. Till then, it is a long, long wait.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

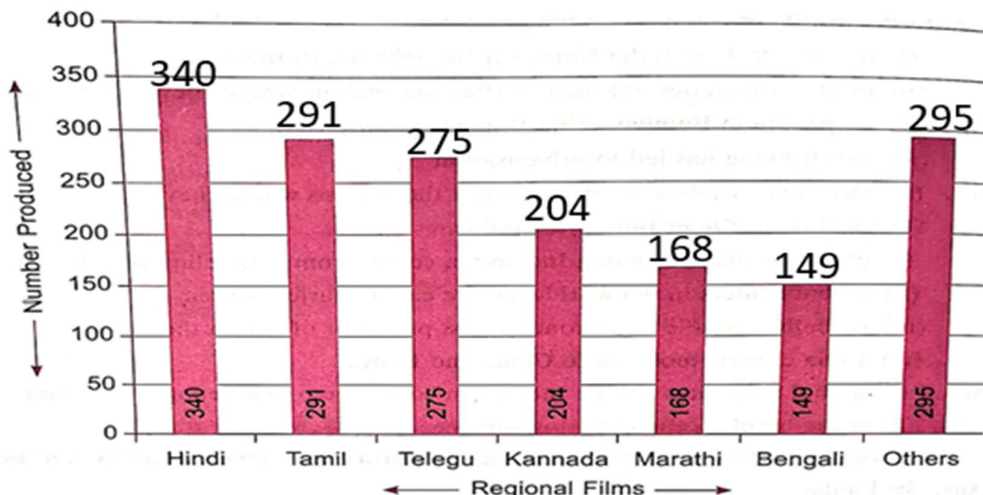
- a) Which word from the passage matches best with the word 'contemplating'? 1
  - i) Coming
  - ii) Winning
  - iii) Speculating
  - iv) Watching
- b) **Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.** 1  
*'Paucity of high calibre international coaches is one setback Indians have suffered.'*  
 The word 'paucity' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ (*scarcity/sufficiency*)
- c) State whether the following statement is true or false: 1  
*India is flooded with talented swimmers, but coaches are of substandard.*
- d) Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence. 1  
 As for \_\_\_\_\_, it requires \_\_\_\_\_ sum of money and the schools cannot afford it.
 

1. Hospitals	2. Institutes	3. Schools	4. Companies	5. Exorbitant
i) 3&5	ii) 1&4			
iii) 2&3	iv) 1&5			

- e) Fill in the blank: 1  
 The government and sports organizations need to make \_\_\_\_\_ to transform the future of Indian sports.
- f) Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence. 1  
 Most game \_\_\_\_\_ predict that while India can add more to its medal tally in the \_\_\_\_\_ events.  
 1. Audiences      2. Watchers      3. Shooting      4. Archery      5. Hockey
- i) 2&3      ii)1&3      iii) 1&4      iv) 2&5
- g) Discuss two key reasons why swimming has not developed as a popular and successful sport in India, despite the availability of natural water resources. 2
- h) How do international swimmers differ from Indian swimmers in terms of support and facilities? 2

2. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

- i) India's regional movie industries are responsible for India's rank as the world's highest movie producer. The Telugu film industry has won several Guinness World Records. Tollywood of West Bengal has given us legends like Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak, and Mrinal Sen. Bhojiwood, the Bhojpuri film industry has earned renown in the 80s with movies like Mai (1989) and Hamar Bhaui (1983).
- ii) Pahariwood or Dogri cinema, has won the National Film Award in the regional category, for Dille Ch Vasya Koi (2011). Dhollywood/Gollywood Gujarati cinema, in existence since 1932, has produced more than a thousand movies. Sandalwood, the Kannada film industry is the fifth largest film Industry in India after Bollywood and the madness is worth an experience during the release of a movie starring Puneeth Rajkumar.
- iii) Mollywood, the Malayalam film industry has now become one of the top film industries of India with a crazy fan following of stars like Mohanlal, Mammooty, and Prithviraj. Ollywood, the Odia film industry now boasts of 36 National Awards in the regional category. Pollywood, the Punjabi film industry, in existence since the 1920s, now boasts of movies like Carry on Jatta 2 with box office collections of more than 60 crores.
- iv) Kollywood, the Tamil cinema is the second largest film industry in India, and the first talkie 'Kalidas was released by it, in 1931. And there's no explaining to the madness that follows during the release of any movie starring Rajinikanth. Deccan wood based in Hyderabad, Telangana, has been granted its own language tag of Dakhini.



**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions:**

- a) In the line... "Tollywood of West Bengal has given us legends..." the word 'legends' refers to 1
- i) Celebrities
  - ii) Cerebral
  - iii) Celebrations
  - iv) Celeries
- b) The producers of the film 'Hamar Bhauji' were from 1
- i) The National film industry
  - ii) Bhojpuri film industry
  - iii) Bollywood film industry
  - iv) Pollywood film industry
- c) Fill in the blank in the following sentence with suitable words: 1  
The Punjabi film industry, \_\_\_\_\_ boasts a box office collection of more than 60 crores.
- d) Based on your understanding of the passage choose the options that define the inherent qualities of regional films. 1
- |                             |                        |                             |
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| 1. given us legends         | 2. based on madness    | 3. answers in question tags |
| 4. have crazy fan following | 5. collect box offices | 6. carry language tags      |
- i) 2 and 5
  - ii) 1 and 6
  - iii) 1 and 4
  - iv) 3 and 6
- e) In the content about the Mollywood film industry the information indicates. 1
- i) it has 36 National Awards
  - ii) it has box office collections of 60 crores
  - iii) it has actors like Mohanlal and Mammooty
  - iv) it had produced a talkie
- f) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. 1
- Assertion:** India is number one as far as the movie production is concerned.
- Reason:** Its regional movie industries are responsible for it.
- i) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
  - ii) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
  - iii) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
  - iv) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- g) Fill in the blank in the following sentence. 1  
According to the survey made in the above passage, the film industry that won 36 National Awards is \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Study the graph and answer: 1  
How many films were made in languages other than the top 3 languages with the most films?
- i) Mention any two regional film industries from the passage that have received National Film Awards in the regional category, along with the names of the awarded films or number of awards, if given. 2

**SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)**

3. **Attempt any ONE from option (a) and (b):**

- a) You went for a heritage walk to a ruined ancient monument. The place was neglected and encroached upon. Write a description in the diary as Ankita in 120-140 words, of what you saw and what you imagine the place would have been like, in its good times. 5

**OR**

- b) Your sister and you decided to give your mother a day off from the kitchen on her birthday. Write a diary entry on how you managed to run the kitchen without your mother's assistance. You are Pritika. Write a diary entry in not more than 120-140 words. 5

4. **Attempt any ONE from option (a) and (b):**

- a) **Complete the story (120-140 words):** 5

He was fond of his grandmother. She would bathe him, give him breakfast, prepare his bag and take him to school. While he was in the school, she sat in the temple, saying her prayers.....

**OR**

- b) Write a story in your own words (take help from the outline given) from your preparation to your success. 5

Interview for the post of club reporter – facing interview board – answering questions with well prepared arguments – happy to be accepted and eager to serve

5. **Answer the following questions based on the given instructions:**

- a) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of verb given in the bracket: 1

The Principal \_\_\_\_\_ (announce) the winners of the annual sports meet during the assembly yesterday.

- b) Two friends, Kiran and Rajesh, are discussing their upcoming science seminar. 1

**Kiran:** Will you be attending the science seminar next week?

**Rajesh:** Yes, I've already registered and I'm quite excited about it.

Report what Rajesh told his friend, by completing the following sentence.

Rajesh replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

- c) Read the given dialogue carefully. Identify the error and supply the correction on the sentence. 1

Neetu says, "This headphones offer the best sound quality at a reasonable price."

Error	Correction

- d) Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the Organisation Head's statement on project success. 1

The team's effort was commendable, as they achieved \_\_\_\_\_ success than anticipated in the project.

- i) Much ii) most iii) more iv) many

- e) Complete the sentences using the appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets: 1

They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this city for five years.

- f) Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction for the following sales offer. 1

(Shop on sell)

Error	Correction

- g) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the online update. 1

The oil ministry \_\_\_\_\_ the key recommendations of the Kirit Parikh committee on domestic natural gas pricing and begun consultations with other ministries before it sends a proposal to the cabinet.

- i. Have accepted
- ii. Had accepted
- iii. Will accepted
- iv. Has accepted

- h) Rewrite the sentence using the correct modal verb: 1

*It is possible* that John will come to the party.

- i) Rewrite the sentence using the correct modal verb: 1

*It would be advisable* for her to take a break.

- j) Suman's mother reminded her about something. Report her reminder.  
"Don't forget to take your umbrella. It might rain today", said Suman's mother."

### SECTION-C

#### LITERATURE & SUPPLEMENTARY READER (40 MARKS)

- 6 Attempt **any one** RTC from following:

- I. *He won't do what you tell him.*  
*So, come, let's build strong homes,*  
*Let's joint the door firmly.*  
*Practice to firm the body.*  
*Make the heart steadfast.*

-(Wind)

- a) The poet advises the readers to 'firm the body and make the heart steadfast', he means 1

- \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Be strong physically and morally
  - (ii) Exercise daily
  - (iii) Build a strong character
  - (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

- b) Who is the speaker addressing in the line "He won't do what you tell him"? Who does "he" refer to, and what is being implied here? 1

- c) What does the wind symbolize in the poem? 1

- i) Natural beauty
- ii) Celebration and joy
- iii) Difficulties and challenges
- iv) Peace and calm

- d) Why does the speaker suggest building ‘strong homes’ and joining the ‘door firmly’? What is the symbolic meaning behind this advice? 1
- e) Find the meaning of the word “steadfast” as used in the poem. Use it in your own sentence. 1

**OR**

II. *I will arise, and go now, for always night and day  
I hear the lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart’s core.*

-(Lake Isle of Innisfree)

- a) Night and day, the poet experiences \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- Disillusionment with the city life
  - The lapping of lake water in the Innisfree
  - An overwhelming wish to run away
  - A longing to be free
- b) Identify the figure of speech in *lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore*. 1
- c) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1
- The lines from the passage tell us that the country side is untouched but the city is \_\_\_\_\_
- Industrialized
  - Idealized
  - Idiomatic
  - Ideated
- d) What is the poet’s state of mind that prompts him to say, *I will arise, and go now*? 1
- e) How does the poet’s physical location contrast with the mental state in the poem? 1

7. Attempt **ANY ONE** RTC from following:

I. *"He would narrate the smallest of incidents with great excitement and suspense. He would not pick up the thread of the story right away. Instead, he would begin with an introduction, build up the background, describe the characters in detail and then come to the main incident."*

-(Iswaran the Storyteller)

- a) What storytelling technique did Iswaran use to engage his listener? 1
- b) What was the *primary effect* of Iswaran’s storytelling style on Mahendra? 1
- It made him anxious
  - It made him feel bored
  - It fascinated and captivated him
  - It helped him sleep better
- c) Why did Iswaran delay revealing the main incident in his stories? 1
- d) Iswaran can be best described as: 1
- A careless cook
  - A dull narrator
  - A dramatic and imaginative storyteller
  - A quiet and reserved man

e) How does the above passage reflect Iswaran's impact as a storyteller? 1

**OR**

II. *"But the moment she took one step towards him her body shrank, he was so big—his hands and his neck, especially his mouth when he yawned. Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant."*  
- (The Little Girl)

a) Who is "he" in this extract, and how does the speaker feel about him? 1

b) What literary device is used in the comparison "like thinking about a giant"? 1

i) Metaphor

ii) Oxymoron

iii) Simile

iv) Personification

c) What does the phrase "her body shrank" suggest about the girl's emotional state? 1

d) Based on the extract, which of the following best describes the father's personality from the girl's perspective? 1

i) Gentle and kind

ii) Distant and frightening

iii) Talkative and cheerful

iv) Supportive and encouraging

e) How does this extract reflect the central theme of fear and misunderstanding in the story? 1

8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following in 40-50 words:

a) Why did Evelyn say, "Men with bushy beards give me trouble"? 3

b) How does Tommy describe the old kind of teachers? 3

c) "I doubted if I should ever come back". Why did the poet in , "The Road not Taken" doubt? 3

d) What does the poet in the poem, "Rain on the Roof" dream of? 3

e) Why did Bismillah Khan stop singing music for movies? 3

9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in 40-50 words:

a) How does the child's reaction change before and after he is separated from his parents at the fair? What does this reveal about his true emotions? 3

b) How does the guru use wisdom and presence of mind to save the disciple and punish the foolish king and minister? 3

c) Why Toto was considered a troublemaker by the narrator's family, and how did his behaviour reflect his intelligence and curiosity? 3

10 Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words:

a) Why Albert Einstein was called 'Brother Boring'? Do you also think so? How do you avoid to be called 'Brother Boring' in your school or home? 6

**OR**

b) Evelyn Glennie overcame profound deafness to become a renowned percussionist. Reflect on how her innovative methods of perceiving music through vibrations can inspire individuals facing various challenges. Discuss the importance of adaptability, resilience, and creative problem-solving in overcoming obstacles. 6

**11** Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words:

- a) Why according to you, is it always risky to live among fools? Elaborate your answer with reference to the story 'In The Kingdom of Fools'? 6

**OR**

- b) A little child's reactions to the immediate situation bear a universal ring when examined superficially. Delving in depth. One can see that each child reacts to a situation according to his or her individual characteristics. Write a character sketch of the little child in the lesson 'The Lost Child' bringing out the child's individual traits as illustrated in the contents of the story. 6