

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

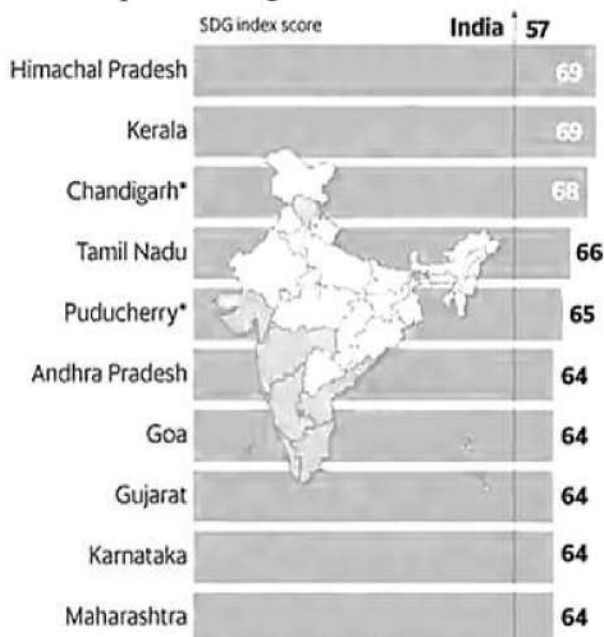
Section A

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- (i) The other remaining goals left out from SDG India Index because:
 - a. of lack of data of the state level
 - b. they have already crossed halfway mark in reaching the goals
 - c. countries have not taken care of the remaining goals
 - d. those goals have not yet officially accepted by the companies
- (ii) Among Union Territories _____ takes the lead with a score of 68 on account of its track record in providing clean water and sanitation.
- (iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.
According to the survey, _____ topped in providing quality education.
 - a. Kerala
 - b. Tamil Nadu
 - c. Chandigarh
 - d. Andhra Pradesh
- (iv) How many sustainable goals does index cover?
- (v) What do 100 points mean as per SDG Index?
 - a. It means the index has covered 13 goals including healthcare, gender equality clean energy. infrastructure, education, peace and building strong. accountable institutions.
 - b. It means the point at which it fully meets the sustainable development goal.
 - c. It means the removal of poverty and equality.
 - d. It means India has reached a little beyond the halfway mark to meet sustainable development goals.
- (vi) Which state has the least SDG score according to the graph?

- (vii) The SDG score represents the current status of achievements by the states in meeting the goals. True/false.
- (viii) Which state ranks the best in total SDG scores?
- (ix) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
1. Tamil Nadu topped the states in poverty reduction.
 2. Kerala topped the states in providing amenities.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2).
 - b. (1) is true and (2) is false.
 - c. (1) is independent of (2).
 - d. (1) contradicts (2).
- (x) The index covers _____ sustainable development goals out of _____.

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

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- (i) Why does the writer say that mountains inspire **awe** in humans? (Paragraph 1)
- A. They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.
 B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.
 C. They inspire in us, deeds of valour.
 D. They represent peace and calm, to us.

- (ii) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
 The more incredible the mountains-the greater the thrill (Paragraph 1)
- A. The higher the stamina-the lower the food intake
 B. The more you laugh-the lesser your illness
 C. The smaller the car-the bigger the advantage
 D. The heavier the luggage-the higher the penalty

- (iii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:
 So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports (Paragraph 1)
- A. doubt
 B. caution
 C. conviction
 D. denial

- (iv) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 1.

Opinion	Reason
_____	Best experienced rather than described

- (v) The writer compares training to penance in the line- Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. (Paragraph 2)
 State 1 point of similarity between training and penance.
- (vi) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that **mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation.** (Paragraph 2)
- A. _____
 B. _____
- (vii) What connect does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather and setting up of camps? (Paragraph 3)

- (viii) The writer says, "A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature." (Paragraph 3)
Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the mountains.
- A. survival
 - B. experience
 - C. tradition
 - D. directive
- (ix) Supply 1 point to justify the following:
While mountain climbing, an impulsive mountaineer is either disaster-prone or as good as dead.
- (x) Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the feeling of exhilaration on reaching a summit, that the mountain-climbers experience.
- A. Achievement of a seemingly impossible feat
 - B. Spectacular panoramic view
 - C. Application of the inculcated survival instincts
 - D. Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]
Ankit: Where are you going?
Atul: To the airport.
 Ankit asked Atul where he was going. Atul replied _____.
4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]
 We were _____ with luggage, so we couldn't run to catch the train.
- a) weighed down
 - b) weighed up
 - c) weighed along
 - d) weighed in
5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a line from an inspirational story. [1]
 Never deprive someone of hope, it _____ be all they have.
- a) can
 - b) must
 - c) will
 - d) might
6. He _____ to unlock the door to his flat because the telephone _____. [1]
- a) is hurrying / rings
 - b) was hurrying / rang
 - c) hurries / has been ringing
 - d) hurried / was ringing
7. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given [1]

portion of a letter:

I _____ (request) you to have this faulty lot replaced by a new one, with the best quality at the earliest and would appreciate if you initiated action in this matter fast.

8. **Report the dialogue between two friends, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Rohit: When do you wake up usually?

Mohit: I always wake up early.

In response to the question about when he usually wakes up, Mohit says that _____.

9. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

FOCUS TB	
Towards a TB free world	
Our focus is to provide a comprehensive diagnostic support for affordable rates to battle TB.	
Thyrocare	

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

10. Mom was ill and was taken to the doctor where he asked her daughter (Caroline) a few questions. Report the question. [1]

How old is your mother?

11. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a science magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

Knowing how to do this could be helpful in the future if an asteroid is heads toward Earth.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

12. He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words". [1]

Reported speech: _____

a) He said you should be quiet and listen to my words.

b) He said they should be quiet and listen to his words.

c) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

d) He urged them and said be quiet and listen to words.

13. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: [1]

A school has adopted safety measures like screening of everyone who enters school premises and special sanitization of the school as per WHO guidelines.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	a	the
B	has	have

cleanliness. You are School Captain, Shan Sharma, Government Senior Secondary School, New Delhi.

OR

You are Hema/Hemant, 14/9, Hill Apartments, Jaipur. You are not satisfied with the facilities for tourists in Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily giving suggestions on ways to improve the facilities for tourists.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

"We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation". We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

- (i) Who is the speaker?
 - a. Nelson Mandela
 - b. Zenani
 - c. Thabo Mbeki
 - d. de Klerk
- (ii) What pledge does he take?
 - a. To liberate his people from poverty
 - b. To make the nation free from suffering and deprivations
 - c. To devote himself to the wellbeing of his people
 - d. All of these
- (iii) The NOUN for the word **emancipate** is _____.
- (iv) What has the speaker achieved?
- (v) Which country's president was the speaker?
 - a. USA
 - b. Australia
 - c. South Africa
 - d. India

OR

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[5]

However, during the third lesson, he'd finally had enough. "Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled - **Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox.**"

The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I'd nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who's good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I'd make sure the joke was on him.

- (i) Anne's friend helped her to write the essay in:

- a. paragraph
- b. verse
- c. dialogues
- d. other languages

(ii) Who was trying to play a joke on Anne?

- a. Sanne
- b. Anne's sister
- c. Mr. Keesing
- d. None of these

(iii) The word _____ from the extract means **ability** or **creativity**.

(iv) Why was Anne punished?

(v) Why did the whole class roar with laughter?

- a. Because Anne was making funny faces
- b. Because Anne had cracked a joke
- c. Because the topic of the essay given to Anne was funny
- d. Because Anne was being absurd

18. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[12]

- (i) Who was Gautama Buddha? When and where was he born?
- (ii) What is the brief summary of the poem- **How to tell wild Animals**?
- (iii) What did Valli find out about the bus journey? How did she find out these details?
- (iv) Expound on any two ways in which Anne Gregory could practically put the poet persona's advice to use.
- (v) Give a character-sketch of Natalya.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[6]

- (i) How did Tricki become an accepted member of the gang and start enjoying the company of other dogs?
- (ii) How did Max enter the room? Why did he tell this to Ausable?
- (iii) Richard's mother was his companion and spent a lot of time with him. A parent should try to be a companion to a child. Justify.

20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

[6]

- (i) Mijbil and the Tiger, both were looked after by humans. Assume they both meet each other in the zoo and have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Mijbil the Otter and A Tiger in the Zoo.
You may begin like this

Tiger: Thanks for visiting me, though I don't usually like visitors.

Mijbil: Oh? I would love visitors, I think.

- (ii) A noted author, Richard Bach wrote - For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Evaluate this statement with respect to the young seagull.

21. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) Both _____ can be the cause of the world's destruction.
- (ii) According to the poet, fire refers to _____.
a. violent desires
b. passions
c. jealousy
d. all of these
- (iii) What does ice symbolise?
a. Indifference
b. Love
c. Sympathy
d. Passions
- (iv) What message does the poet want to convey through this poem?
a. Everything is transitory
b. Life is unpredictable
c. Death is inevitable
d. Both Everything is transitory and Death is inevitable
- (v) The poet would favour the ones who say that the fire would be the cause of destruction because he is _____.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars

- (i) The fact that the tiger is **stalking the length of his cage** tells us that he is:

- a. restless
- b. reckless
- c. resilient
- d. reverent

(ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanzas?

- a. abcb; abcb
- b. abcb; abcd
- c. abcd; abcd
- d. abcd; abcb

(iii) These stanzas bring out the contrast between _____.

(iv) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

The poet here says that the tiger enjoys gazing at the stars in the night from his cage.

(v) The tiger's **brilliant eyes** reveal that he:

- a. hopes to be free and be in the wild, someday
- b. is looked after well and is nourished and healthy
- c. enjoys staring at the bright stars each night
- d. is well-rested and hence, wide-awake

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- (i) Griffin was a talented scientist but he misused his invention. The lesson we learnt from his example is that the misuse of a scientific discovery could play havoc with humanity. Explain.
- (ii) What changes have taken place in the field of books since twentieth century?

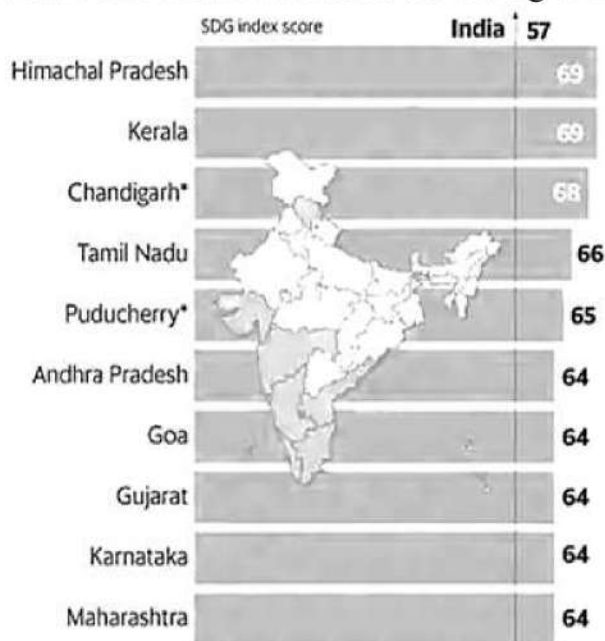
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(iv)13

(v) (b) It means the point at which it fully meets the sustainable development goal.

(vi)Magarasgtra

(vii)True

(viii)Himachal Pradesh

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(x) 13, 17

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- (i) B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.
- (ii) D. The heavier the luggage-the higher the penalty
- (iii) C. conviction
- (iv) hard to put in words
- (v) very difficult / requires perseverance (Any other relevant)
- (vi) A. Because mountaineering includes difficulties like having to walk on icy sheets that cannot be accomplished without proper preparation of equipment
 B. Because mountaineering includes dealing with several Health hazards that cannot be managed without preparation.
- (vii) If the weather is unpredictable, it makes it difficult to decide when to set up camp as mountaineers would prefer to climb when it's sunny and camp when it's snowing.
- (viii) A. survival
- (ix) Survival is key in mountain climbing and it can be done with meticulously planning / careful decision-making/ careful application of training (any one or more)
 It has no room for rash or impulsive decisions/ actions- these would lead to accidents or fatalities.
- (x) D. Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. that he was going to the airport

4. (a) weighed down

Explanation: carrying too much

5. (d) might

Explanation: might

6. (d) hurried / was ringing

Explanation: hurried / was ringing

7. would request

8. he always wakes up early.

9.	error	correction
	for	at

10. The doctor asked Caroline how old her mother was.

11.	error	correction
	heads	heading

12. (c) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

Explanation: He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

13. (A) a - the

14. (c) should

Explanation: should

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The given pie chart shows data about the type of pets a certain locality residents keep. The pets are dog, cat, rabbit, fish and parrot and total number of pets is 100.

The most favourite pet of the given locality is dog which is owned by majority chunk of people. The locality has 30 dogs. Next category has two animals which consists of 20 each. Cat and fish are owned by equal number of people and are present in the locality in number

of 20 each. Second most preferred category is of rabbit which is 25 in number. The least preferred pet animal category belongs to parrot which consists of only 5.

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To conclude we can say that the given data provided us an insight into the favourite pet animal of people of a certain locality. The dog was the most preferred whereas the parrot was the least one.

OR

The given double bar graph illustrates the percentage growth in different sectors in a developing country of the year 2008 and 2018. It is clearly evident from the graph that in the growth of 2008 the education sector was at the peak by 25%. Whereas in 2018, it is observed that private sector shares the highest percentage which as high as 20%. A noticeable difference of 1% in medical sector was noticed over the period of given ten years i.e., from 2008 to 2018. Growth in government sector has remained the same throughout the decade. A slight difference of 2% has been observed in the sector of infrastructure. A huge gap of around 7% has been observed in the transport sector. A slight difference of 1% has also been noticed in agriculture sector.

In a nutshell, it is evident that education was the main sector which has served as the main contributor to the growth of the economy in 2008 which was as high as 25% but in the later years all the other sector have contributed almost equal proportion in growth.

16. Government Senior Secondary School

New Delhi

April 12, 2018

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Awareness of Cleanliness.

I feel immense pleasure to state that our school won an award for maintaining cleanliness in and around our school.

We used to have talked in the morning assembly on the need to maintain cleanliness. The poster competition was organized on the dangers of keeping school unclean. Proper implementation of 'Swachh Bharat Programme' was done under the trained N.S.S. teachers. To motivate the students, arrangements were made such as microphone setup, projector with screen setup, etc. so that the students, teachers and other staff can listen to the Prime Minister's talk on the maintenance of cleanliness. It was a joint effort. Notice board on the campus displayed slogans- "Don't litter" and "clean campus-healthy campus". Rallies were taken out to make the residents of the area aware of the need to maintain cleanliness. The whole school worked towards the set goal with dedication for awareness towards cleanliness.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to make an appeal to the brethren of my country that each and every person should be determined to make his/her surroundings clean and beautiful and work for it wholeheartedly. I hope you will give my ideas enough space in your esteemed daily.

Yours sincerely,

Shan Sharma
(School Captain).

OR

14/9, Hill Apartments
Jaipur
12 June 20xx
The Editor
The Times of India
Jaipur

Subject: Insufficient facilities for Tourists

Respected Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I would like to raise my voice against the insufficient facilities provided to the tourists of Jaipur.

Everyone is well aware that Jaipur has many historical places which attract tourists not only from India but abroad as well. But when they reach here, they are not properly guided. They are mishandled by crooks who rob them of their valuables, thus leaving a bad name to our country. The hotel rooms are not available at reasonable rates. They have to pay a hefty amount for it. Most of them come on package tours but they are refused the facilities mentioned in their package.

It is our prime duty to look into the matter as it may hit the tourism industry badly. The tourism industry should be well-managed so that the tourists leave Jaipur with a happy note and return again. It is my humble request to the concerned authorities to look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Hemant

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

"We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation". We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

- (i) a. Nelson Mandela
- (ii) d. All of these
- (iii) Emancipation
- (iv) The speaker has achieved political emancipation.
- (v) c. South Africa

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- (ii) c. Mr. Keesing
- (iii) ingenuity
- (iv) Anne was punished because she's been talking continuously in the class.
- (v) c. Because the topic of the essay given to Anne was funny

18. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) Gautama Buddha, initially named Siddhartha Gautama by his parents, was a Prince. He was born in 563 B.C. in North India. He had been shielded from the sufferings of the world. He attained enlightenment at the age of 32 under a fig tree and named the tree the Bo Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings.
- (ii) The poetess tries to distinguish different animals in a humorous manner. She is also educating the readers by describing the various features of wild animals. She is introducing all the animals of East one by one in a very practical way.
- (iii) Valli found out the bus took forty-five minutes to travel between the town which was six miles away from her village. She also found out that the fare for the one-way trip was thirty paise. She found out these details by listening to the conversation of the passengers and sometimes by asking them.
- (iv) Firstly, Anne can dye her beautiful blonde hair the way she likes - brown, black, carrot or yellow. Secondly, instead of looking after her physical appearance and taking care of her outward appearance, Anne can nurture her soul with spiritual care by devoting her self in God's will.
- (v) Natalya is the daughter of a farmer, Chubukov. She is twenty-five years old. She is a very talkative and very short-tempered lady. She argues with Lomov about the ownership of the Oxen Meadows and the superiority of her dog Squeezer. This shows that she is argumentative and possessive also.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) On the third day in the hospital, Tricki started out to walk. Joe, the greyhound and other dogs surrounded him. Tricki followed the other dogs to the garden. He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. It was quite a different life for Tricki. Thus, he became an accepted member of the gang.
- (ii) Max had got a passkey. So he entered Ausable's room through the door. He told this to Ausable because the latter had fabricated a story that it was the second time in a month that somebody had got into his room through the balcony. Max said that he had no idea about the balcony.
- (iii) Yes, Richard's mother was his true friend who helped him in all steps of life to become the world's greatest scientist. It is necessary to be a friend to a child than be parents. As a friend, we can understand his problems better than he is facing because we have also gone through all this in our teenage years.

20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- (i) **Tiger:** Thanks for using me though I don't usually like visitors
Mijbil: oh? I would love visitors, I think
Tiger: Tell me, Do you like humans?
Mijbil: Yes, I adore them especially my owner, he takes good care of me; feeds me well

and plays along!

Tiger: I detest humans. I think they are the most self-centered. we across on Earth. I blame them for caging me

Mijbil: Oh! I Understand your desire to roam freely in your natural habitat. I don't mess that for I am not Captivated, it is that me and my owner leave together amicably.

Lion:- Ah! May be some day those humans will comprehend me value of peaceful co-existence. You are Lucky my does friend, Hope to meet you soon. Bye!

- (ii) Food is the most essential ingredient that sustains all life on earth. But the young seagull, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Whenever he tried to flap his wings to fly, he was seized with fear. He felt certainly that his wings would never support him. He had seen his elder brother catch his first Herring and devour it. It compounded his helplessness even more. He uttered a joyful scream when he saw his mother holding a piece of fish in her beak and flying quite near him. Hunger became motivation for the young seagull. Maddened by hunger, he fell outwards and downward into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him but only for a minute. The next moment, he felt his wings spread outwards. The fear left him. Soon, he was floating on the green sea.

21. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) Both Fire and Ice
(ii) d. all of these
(iii) a. Indifference
(iv) d. Both Everything is transitory and Death is inevitable
(v) aware about the fiery desires/having an experience of desire

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars

- (i) a. restless
(ii) d. abcd; abcb
(iii) freedom and captivity
(iv) FALSE

The poet here says that the tiger is sad and as he is confined in the cage, so, he cannot do anything. Therefore, he stares at the stars in the night and tries to divert his thoughts towards them.

- (v) a. hopes to be free and be in the wild, someday

22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- (i) A true scientist works for the good of humanity. He wants to make man's life easier, more comfortable and enjoyable. He doesn't misuse his discoveries for personal gains or selfish ends. But Griffin, though a brilliant scientist, misused his discovery. By his constant experiments, he had developed a rare drug that helped him make his body invisible. He used his discovery to startle people, enter stores and shops unseen; he robbed people of their money or things and escaped from them when they tried to catch him. He set fire to his landlord's house when he wanted him to leave the house. He stole food, meat, sweets, and wine from a shop. It showed that the misuse of scientific discovery could disturb the peace of society. Such a scientist would use his invention for self-interest and for taking revenge on the people around him. Moreover, he would not honour the law and thus would become an unruly person and a troublemaker.
- (ii) A lot of changes have taken place in the field of books since the twentieth century. The twentieth century was called the 'Era of the Books'. There were books on every subject in those days. These were from ant-eaters to Zulus. Books taught people 'how to', 'when to', 'where to' and 'why to'. They were supposed to be a mine of knowledge. But gradually, books got their significance reduced and started getting replaced with the digital media or 'e-books' with the advent of computers and electronic media. Today, the computers and the digital world have left the books stagnated only in the libraries. The passion of reading the hard-copy of the book is gradually getting replaced with the fashion of 'e-books' or digital material, which is more visually appealing as compared to the regular books. So the future of the books remains uncertain. In the lesson, books help to save us even from a Martian attack. Though it may seem humorous, the lesson gives us a message that books are important and will always be important.