

CHAPTERWISE QUESTION
ENGLISH
BALL POEM

Time: 2 hrs
Marks: 50

SECTION - A - READING

- 1. Read the following passage carefully. Answer any ten questions** **10 x 1 =10**
1. Hobbies help us grow as a person. The best way to have a new hobby is to try something new. All of us are unique, and this is the reason why our hobbies and interests are different. Once we find an activity we are passionate about, we can explore that activity more. When you get hooked, you will realize that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the opportunity to learn new skills in your work. But these are not the only benefits of having a hobby.
 2. It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it ? And this is what that makes you confident. It can take some time to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But, the journey of experiencing your hobby is very rewarding in itself. With the exposure to different types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you choose. Whether you are pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a sense of purpose, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.
 3. Hobbies give you an opportunity to enhance your life Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and may lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying a few hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on to something that you enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to reduce stress.
 4. Even if it doesn't involve physical activities, you can still reap the benefits of having a hobby. Getting a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about can rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.
 5. Hobbies may provide an opportunity for you to socialize with people and that can be an additional benefit for your overall well-being. You can connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do. You can meet new people, discuss your hobby and get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession. The internet provides numerous groups and forums to connect with people that enjoy doing the same things that you want to do.
 6. Some hobbies require creativity and if you develop creativity through your hobby, it can be beneficial. Creativity can help you experience new things at school and work. The skill of being creative is essential in today's world.
 - a) When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realises that :
 - i) it has become an integral part of our life.
 - ii) it has much more benefits than we realised.
 - iii) it is much more enjoyable to have a hobby.
 - iv) it is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies.

- b) No matter which sort of hobby you are pursuing, be it a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be :
- useful for you in the long run.
 - a skill that improves your present circumstances.
 - a diversion and a passion.
 - followed through till the end.
- c) The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite :
- challenging for a person.
 - rewarding in itself.
 - demanding in itself.
 - inspirational for a person.
- d) Which of the following is not a way through which hobbies enhance your life?
- may lower the risk of having high blood pressure
 - reduce the risk of depression and dementia
 - distracts the mind from other useless problems
 - promotes better health
 - reduces stress
 - manages the regular balanced exercise
- I, II, III and IV
 - I, III, IV and VI
 - I, II, IV and V
 - I, III, V and VI
- e) Getting a hobby means having a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about which can :
- give you a peace of mind from all the other problems of daily hectic life and make you feel refreshed.
 - help you enhance and improve your skills and push you forward on your path to success.
 - make you enjoy and appreciate your life much more as you are happy pursuing what you love.
 - rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.
- f) Choose an option that is not a benefit of having a hobby.
- Provides an opportunity for us to socialize with people.
 - Gives us an opportunity to enhance our life.
 - Helps us to manage our planned time more beneficially.
 - Makes us more confident in ourselves.
- g) The skill of being is essential in today's world.
- confident
 - creative
 - sociable
 - opportunistic
- h) Choose an option that is clearly a synonym of the word 'hooked'.
- opposed
 - indifferent
 - willing
 - captivated
- i) Choose an option that can be considered as an appropriate title for the passage.
- The Importance of Having a Hobby
 - The Usage of Hobby
 - The Advantages and Disadvantages of Having a Hobby
 - The Correct Usage of Free Time- A Hobby

- j) Hobby provides you with an opportunity to socialise with people by making :
- I. you get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession.
 - II. you meet new people with whom you can discuss your hobby.
 - III. you connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do.
 - IV. you get together with people of your own age and profession.
- i) I, III and IV ii) II, III and IV iii) I, II and III iv) I, II, III and IV
- k) Which of the following option is not similar in meaning to the word 'beneficial' ?
- i) advantageous ii) favourable iii) rewarding iv) worthless
- l) If your hobby gives you, then you will be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you prepare for learning new things at work.
- i) confidence to move forward ii) a sense of purpose
 - iii) a reason to develop yourself iv) skills that help you in your work

SECTION - B - GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

2. Attempt the following Questions.

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- a) Read the conversation between Sabu and Ramesh. Complete the sentence by reporting the Ramesh's reply correctly.

Sabu : Why are you still in bed?

Ramesh : I have a terrible stomach ache. I won't be able to go to college today.

Sabu asked Ramesh why he was still in bed.

Ramesh replied that

- b) Complete the given sentences by filling in the blank with the correct option.

The children were talking as Miss Anitha entered the classroom. Then in a loud voice . She said "Good Morning" and quickly around the room.

- a) glancing b) glanced c) will glance d) glance

- c) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the corection for the following line.

Moon Flowers unfurl in the evening and stay open until a sun rise.

OPTION	ERROR	CORRECTION
A	in	on
B	the	a
C	a	the
D	and	that

- d) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Subject : Inadequate parking facilities in the commercial street.

Sir,

I (will) like to bring to your notice the parking problems in commercial street in Nehru place, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people.

- e) The barbar his finger while he off my hair.

- i) had cut, was chopping ii) cut, chop
 iii) cuts, had been chopping iv) cut, was chopping

3. The given pie-chart represents the discipline-wise breakup of candidates appeared in an interview. Study the given pie chart and write an analytical paragraph. Total numbers of candidates appeared in the interview = 22500 5



SECTION - C - LITERATURE

4. Read the extract and answer the questions 5

A. *What is the boy now, who lost his ball,
 What, what is he to do? I saw it go
 Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
 Merrily over—there it is in the water*

- i) Read the statements and choose the correct option
- Assertion (A) : We all should learn our responsibility and how to cope up with the loss.
- Reason (R) : Like a statue, the boy keeps staring at the ball with his desperate eyes.
- a) Both A and R are true and R is correct explanation of A.
 b) Both A and R are true and R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
 c) A is true but R is false d) A is false but R is true.
 e) Both A and R are false.
- ii) Who stands for "I" in 2nd line?
- a) The Poe b) the boy c) the boy's father d) the boy's friend

- iii) What happens to the boy who has lost the ball?
 a) Happy b) confused c) sad d) angry
- iv) The ball symbolizes the boy's
 a) Extended family b) innocence c) childhood days d) sense of adventure
- v) Where did the ball go bouncing?
 a) field b) water c) forest d) ground

B. *I would not intrude on him,* 5

A dime, another ball is worthless

Now he senses first responsibility In a world of possessions.

- i) Who does not want to intrude on him?
 a) The poet b) the boy c) the boy's friend d) the boy's mother
- ii) The loss of the ball teaches the boy
- a) To be carefree b) to be responsible
 c) to be materialistic d) none
- iii) A world of possession means
- a) World of reality b) world of imagination
 c) world of deception d) word of materialism
- iv) Choose the synonym of 'intrude'—
 a) Ignore b) overlook c) neglect d) interfere
- v) What does 'dime' represent here?
 a) Money b) moral lesson c) loss d) ball

C. **Read the extract and answer the questions—** 5

I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over — there it is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went.

- i. The poet uses the ball as a symbol of the boy's
 a) sense of adventure. b) carefree childhood days.
 c) ability to bounce back. d) extended family.
- ii. The poet feels that there is no point consoling the boy as
 a) it would give him false hope. b) he might demand for a new ball.
 c) it might distress him further. d) whatever he has lost is irretrievable.
- iii. The word 'harbour' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to
 a) port. b) pier. c) dock. d) cargo.
- iv. 'Merrily over — there it is in the water!' The dash here is meant to convey
 a) some familiar experience. b) a feeling of excitement.
 c) a sense of unexpected interruption. d) some thoughtful moments.

- v. The word that DOES NOT indicate a physical manifestation of sorrow in the boy, is
a) worthless. b) shaking. c) trembling. d) rigid.

5. **Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words** **5 × 2 = 10**

- i) What does John Berryman want to convey through The Ball Poem?
- ii) Explain why time can probably be one of the things people bitterly regret losing/wasting.
- iii) He senses first responsibility – What responsibility is referred to here?
- iv) Why does the poet think that it is useless to give the following suggestion to the boy?
No use to say- 'O there are other balls':
- v) Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?
- vi) Why is it important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it?

6. **Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words** **1 × 5 = 5**

- i) Money, though is very important in our life, cannot replace everything. Explain.
- ii) It is important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it. Justify the statement.