

Practice Paper

Section A Reading skill

Unseen Passage.

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below (1) Nuclear capability gives a status to the country in the community of nations. No nation can afford to make destructive use of the nuclear energy without risking a World War. That is why America did not make use of nuclear weapon in the Vietnam War though it had become a matter of prestige for her. Similarly Russia preferred to pull out her missile bases from Cuba instead of coming in direct conflict with a nuclear power America. But India, since she started adopting nuclear technology, had decided to make only peaceful use of nuclear energy. The fear expressed by Pakistan and the comments made in the Chinese press are more than for the projection of truth.

(2 for the sake of propaganda) India needs nuclear energy in order to meet her power shortage. She has been depending upon hydroelectric power which is undependable because of the uncertainty of rainfall. Good quality of coal which is another source of energy cannot be extracted commercially because it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high. India is not producing much of oil, rather she has to import nearly 74 per cent of her total consumption. So the only alternative with India is to have a cheaper and more dependable source of energy. The known reserves of thorium in India are sufficient to last many hundred years. That is why India has already commissioned two nuclear power stations, one at Tarapur and the other at Rana Pratap Sagar. Each one has the installed capacity of producing 420 M.W. of electricity. Two other at Kalpakkam, are operational. This energy will be able to meet the power shortage throughout the country. If industries work at their full

capacity, production will be higher and so per capita income will increase and inflation will be neutralized. (3) With the help of controlled nuclear explosions, artificial dams can be made. In fact, for building a dam there should be two huge mountain walls enclosing a deep valley just

near the course of a river. These conditions are not available at all the places. So with the help of controlled nuclear explosions mountains can be blown up. This can also help in laying roads in the mountainous areas. In fact, some of the borders of India have mountainous terrain and the movement of the army is quite difficult. So even for the sake of national security it is necessary to have roads in those areas.

(4) With the help of radiation the shelf life of vegetables and fruits can be increased. In the tropical countries like India, it is necessary that the perishable fruit stuffs are preserved for a long time. Radiation can check the sprouting of onions and potatoes which are much in demand in foreign countries. Similarly fruits like bananas and mangoes which have much export potential can be preserved for a very long time. The texture and taste of the fruit do not undergo any change.

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(5) Nuclear technology can also be harnessed for medical purposes. It is said that radioactive iodine is used for detecting the disease of the thyroid glands. Similarly, India of U.N. experts, radiated vaccine which can immunize sheep from lungworm disease, which used to take a heavy toll of sheep every year.

(6) Properly processed nuclear fuel is also used for artificial satellite in space. Weather satellites can predict cyclones and the rainfall with extreme accuracy. Communication satellites can help in conveying the . In a huge country like India, communication satellites are necessary.

messages to very long distances (7) Radiation is also used for preparing the mutant seeds. Many varieties of rice and some cereals have been prepared at Tarapur laboratory. This will increase our agricultural production and help India to become economically better off. So for

India it is necessary to make peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(i) India needs nuclear energy in order to

(a) gain status in the community of nations

(c) increase her might

(b) meet her power shortage

(d) frighten the hostile countries

(ii) Coal, another source of energy, cannot be extracted commercially because

(a) it lies very deep

(b) the cost of extraction is very high

(c) it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high

(d) it is risky for the miners to extract it

(iii)

In India. are sufficient to last many years.

(a) nuclear power stations

(c) vegetables and fruits

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(b) reserves of thorium

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(d) radioactive iodine

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(iv) is also used for preparing mutant seeds.

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(a) Nuclear energy

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(b) Artificial satellites

(d) None of these

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(c) medical

(d) explosive

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(c) Radiation

(v) India is making.

(a) peaceful

(b) satellite

(vi) Hydroelectric power is not dependable because

(vii) How can radiation be helpful?

(viii) How does nuclear technology help in the field of medicine?

(ix) In what way can nuclear energy boost our communication?

(x) Mention one condition for building a dam.

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II. Read the passage given below.

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We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful-it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.

(2) Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.

(3) All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises, assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them. (4) The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink

to. Nature is everyone's Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later corner us and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few

"He had read our minds correctly," Rajendra Prasad comments, "and we had no reply... Gandhi in this way taught us a lesson in self-reliance". Self-reliance, Indian independence and help to sharecroppers were all bound together.

(1) Gandhi taught the sharecroppers a lesson of self-reliance so that (a) they could believe in themselves and be self-dependant.

(b) they get to know to fight amongst themselves only. (c) they understand that British could not be trusted

(d) they learn and follow civil disobedience

(ii) Find out the word from the given extract which means the same as 'fiercely'.

(iii) Rajendra Prasad who was a lawyer later on became

(iv) The above extract has been taken from

(v) Assertion (A): Gandhi was vehemently opposed to letting Andrews help him in Champaran.
Reason (R): Because Gandhi was always suspicious of new people who offered help.

(a) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

(c) A is true but R is false.

(d) A is false but R is true

(vi) "He had read our minds correctly," Rajendra Prasad commented. What is the sentiment exposed here?

(i) anger

(ii) satisfaction

(iii) forgiveness

(a) (i), (ii) and (iii)

(b) (i) only

OR

(iii) understanding

(v) pride (b) (ii), (iv) and (v)

(d) (ii), (iii) and (v)

B. Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes

(i) The peddler had to resort to both begging and thievery.

The above sentences demonstrates that

(a) the peddler was very greedy.

(b) the peddler do not like to sit idle.

(c) the peddler wants to become rich.

(d) the peddlers earning was not enough for the survival.

(ii) Through peddler's appearance it is signified that he was a/an

(a) beggar

(b) thief

(iii) The peddler's rattraps were made of.

(iv) Who is the author of this chapter?

(a) Alphonse Daudet

(c) Selma Lagerlöf

(c) unfortunate man

(d) crofter

(b) Salman Rushdie

(d) Louis Fischer

(v) What does the idiom 'keep body and soul together' mean?

(vi) What is the name of the chapter from which the extract is taken?

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given:

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put that thought away, and

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trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes.

(i) The above extract has been taken from Hy mother at 66

(ii) The poet started looking out at the young trees to detract herself from

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Section B Writing skill

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Q.2 Attempt any two of the following (9) Write an application of your school requesting

him to start extra classes of Computer and Mathematics. civil lines, Marhaul.

(b) You are

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causing frequent accidents at night,

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a letter to the Editor,

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Q.3 Write a paragraph on any two topics.

Democracy 9) A visit to a Hill station (6) Corruption: A threat to society

(C). Importance of games in school education.

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(A) There is a mental health strong Getting enough sleep is essen essential to maintaining good mental health and can help improve mood, cognitive functioning and overall well. being On the other hand lack of sleep can increase the risk of developing mental health conditions Such as irritability, difficulty concentrating, depression and anxiety Prioritizing Prioritizing sleep and establishing healthy sleep habits mental health. are important to support good

(1) Give the suitable title to this passage

(1ii) Write the summary of it in your own words.

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Exercise in nature is very beneficial for both physical and mental health. In addition to the general benefits of exercise, such as improving Cardiovascular health and increasing outdoor activities also provide muscle strength, an opportunity to experience the beauty and tranquility of nature. Can increase feelings of Stress and anxiety is well- being and reduce important to embrace the benefits of outdoor exercise and incorporate it into your regular soutine.

Give the suitable title to this passage

(ii) write the summary summary of it in your own words

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