

SECTION-A

(Reading Skills)

1. Value Points:

- (i) (a) New snow or rain
- (ii) when more than a foot of snow falls avalanches can be predicted. It allows them to be on a lookout and take preventive measures
- (iii) any 2 of the following options:
Earthquake / avalanche / explosions / snowmobiles/ skiers/ gunshots
- (iv) (a) tiny
- (v) (a) People caught in the avalanche can try to swim to the top.
- (vi) (a) gather/disperse
- (vii) (d) Plastic waste
- (viii) in places where massive snow builds up (to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose too much danger).
- (ix) (a) likely to cause death
- (x) Avalanches

2. Value Points:

- (i) The cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous.
- (ii) (c) 1 and 2
- (iii) peak,
- (iv) the environment
- (v) traffic congestion
- (vi) (d) 1 and 3
- (vii) - Higher in 2019
- Went down in 2020
- Slight increase in 2021 and further increase in 2022
- For visually impaired
- (vii) Proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens
- (viii) Population increase, people find it easier and comfortable to travel by their own vehicles and by road. (award 1 mark for any 1 or a combination of reasons.
- (ix) (b) adverse.
- (x) thought / wondered (any other synonym may be accepted)

SECTION-B

(Grammar and Creative Writing Skills)

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- (i) (b) speaks
 - (ii) (a) is
 - (iii) she did not have it right then but she would arrange it for him.
 - (iv) (c)

Error	Correction
Can	Could

- (v) (d) has been suffering
- (vi) (a) ate
- (vii) her exams were approaching
- (viii)

Error	Correction
Continues	Continue

- (ix) Randeep where he was going
- (x) (c) Always
- (xi) (d) he was going in that direction
- (xii) (c)

Error	Correction
Destination	Destinations

4. Self
5. Self

SECTION-C (Literature)

6. (a) Value Points:
 - (i) has everything
 - (ii) (d) she craves for a true friend.
 - (iii) (c) common everyday things
 - (iv) everything
 - (v) (b) to do something willingly

OR

- (b) Value Points:
 - (i) (c) she was in a state of panic
 - (ii) spirits / the scientist (Griffin)
 - (iii) furniture
 - (iv) (d) 1 and 6
 - (v) (a) ghosts
7. (a) Value Points:
 - (i) (a) tears
 - (ii) False
 - (iii) (d) beginner
 - (iv) smiling of the hyena and the crying of the crocodile
 - (v) (c) It rhymes and adds humour.

OR

- (b) Value Points:
 - (i) stripes of a tiger
 - (ii) quiet
 - (iii) (d) paws
 - (iv) True
 - (v) (a) to catch its prey
8. (a) Value Points:
 - Pranjol - either read detective stories or listened to Rajvir. Rajvir enjoyed greenery outside and shared his knowledge about tea with Pranjol.
 - Pranjol had lived in the tea garden since childhood so he was not very interested - Rajvir found the experience unique and exciting.
- (b) Value Points:
 - who - Postmaster read
 - (i) became serious - impressed with Lencho's faith in God
 - (ii) decided to help him
 - (iii) asked for and collected contribution from post office employees - himself - put it in envelope with a letter with God written.
 - (any two of these three will be accepted)
- (c) Value Points:
 - where - Located midway between Mysore and coastal town of Mangalore
 - (i) people fiercely independent
 - (ii) brave
 - (iii) martial traditions
 - (iv) very hospitable.
 - (v) people of Greek and Arab descend
 - (any two of these five will be accepted)

(d) Ballad - a song or poem that tells a story of courage or heroism. Dragon courageous but is also cowardly in a humorous way. The use of humour in the poem is a deviation from tradition. Hero not brave but coward.

(e) Everything in this world is transitory. One can find peace after accepting the truth of life and giving up all sorts of selfishness.

9. (a) Value Point:

Anil was a kind man/ He wanted to give a second chance to Hari/ Anil knew this will fill Hari's heart with faith in goodness otherwise he would have become a hardened criminal.

(any two will be accepted)

(b) Value Point:

Believed Ebright to be competitive in a good sense / was hard working / put in extra efforts in everything he did / not interested in Prizes/ good at managing time.

(any two will be accepted)

(c) Value Point:

- Advised Mrs Pumphrey to give dog less to eat / cut down on sweets / give him plenty of exercise. (any two will be accepted)

- Mrs Pumphrey agreed but didn't act on it.

10. (a) Value Points:

Valli was discreet, wanted to do the bus ride without her mother's knowledge, planned meticulously - watched the bus, its schedule, listened to people's conversation about their journey - fare saved - money collected 60 paise.

Resisted temptation to spend money (Any other relevant point)

(b) Value Points:

Death is common to all - Kisa's only son died - could not accept asked for help - approached Buddha - asked her to procure handful of mustard seeds - condition - should bring seeds from a house where no one has ever died - could not find any such house - disappointed - watched city lights flickering - realised that death is inevitable.

(Any other relevant point)

11. (a) Value Points:

Education gave Bholi the confidence to reject the marriage on hearing demands of dowry. Importance of education in one's life - the transformation - change in the quality of life. Bholi received encouragement from a teacher - got good education

Bishambar's greed - Bholi's courage to reject greedy demands bold step - confidence.

(Any other relevant point)

(b) Value Points:

Money is responsible for not only bringing happiness but also misery - greed leads to destruction - essential to be satisfied with what one gets - Mrs. Loisel wanted lavish life - borrowed necklace from friend - lost it - Loiseles spent all their savings and 10 years to repay the loan taken to replace the lost necklace - all this because of her overambitious nature.

(Any other relevant point)