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Q. No. **1** [Section—A **(Reading Skill)**]	= 10
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SECTION—A

(Reading Skill)

(*Marks* : 10)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

Among all the planets of our solar system, the Earth is the only known planet which supports life. The environment of the Earth has made the existence, growth and development of all living beings possible.

The meaning of the word 'environment' is surrounding. We are surrounded by and interacting with various types of radiation, air, water, soil, rocks and minerals which are called abiotic factors of environment. Similarly, we are also interacting with and are surrounded by our biotic environment consisting of living organisms which interact with each other and are inseparably bound up with their abiotic environment.

Environment affects the size, shape and colour of plants and animals and the ways in which they grow and live. The environment may even be responsible for the survival of a particular organism. We get our food, clothing, shelter and many other necessary things from the environment. Human environment has a cultural dimension as well. She lives surrounded by what she has made. Environmental Science attempts to understand the environment of our planet, and the impact of human life

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on our environment and vice versa. It is also a search for the solutions to the major environmental issues that confront us today.

Environmental degradation is perhaps the greatest threat to our survival on the Earth. Such degradation may be caused by nature. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslide, floods and droughts, lightning, hailstorms, cyclones, etc.—all can damage and cause hazards to all forms of life on the Earth. But man-made destruction is more dangerous for our environment, posing a serious threat to the future of mankind.

When environmental degradation is not very significant, nature can recover from the impact on its own. But during the last few decades, the world has been facing serious environmental problems due to an abnormal increase in population and an unplanned and unwise use of mega technology. All the three major components of our environment—air, water and land—are polluted now, creating serious health hazards.

The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in June 1972, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (2002) are among the major UN-led initiatives to draw pointed

attention to the fast deteriorating condition of our environment.

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

(a) What has made life on the Earth possible? 1

(b) What are the biotic factors of environment? 2

(c) What does Environmental Science attempt to study? 2

(d) Mention two recent developments in the last few decades that have led to serious environmental problems. 2

(e) Name any two UN-led initiatives to combat the environmental crisis. 2

(f) What is the meaning of the word 'environment'? 1

SECTION—B

(Advanced Writing Skills)

(*Marks* : 25)

2. Write a notice on behalf of the Organizing Committee asking the interested students to participate in an Inter-college Quiz to be held next month. You are Dibya,

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Secretary, Debate and Symposium, of your college. (Word Limit : ***50***) 5

Or

Water is precious and we cannot afford to waste it. Prepare an attractive poster, in not more than ***50*** words, urging people to adopt various methods of rainwater harvesting in their own locality.

3. You went to a Book Fair in your town organized by the Publication Board of Assam. A large number of publishing houses from across the State participated in it. Write a detailed report on the event, in ***100–125*** words, to be published in 'The Assam Tribune'. 10

Or

Your school/college has recently celebrated 'cleanliness week' organizing a series of programmes and competitions. Prepare a report, in about ***125*** words, to be published in your school/college magazine.

4. You are Aruna/Arun. You have just come across an advertisement for the post of Assistant Teacher in Modern High School, Goalpara. Write an application in response to the advertisement. Include in the application your biodata as well. 10

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Or

Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Sentinel' drawing the attention of the authorities concerned to the poor condition of the roads in your locality. You are Manashi/Manash.

SECTION—C

(Grammar)

(*Marks* : 20)

5. Change the form of the narration of any *two* of the following sentences : 2×2=4

(a) The boy said to the teacher, "Sir, I am weak in English and seek your advice."

(b) I asked the student where her teacher lived. She replied regretfully that she didn't know.

(c) She said to me, "How long will you stay here?" I replied that I would stay for a week.

6. Change the voice of any *three* of the following sentences : 1×3=3

(a) He likes tea.

(b) When will the work be finished?

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(c) They have laughed at us.

(d) The gardener is watering the plants.

(e) English is spoken all over the world.

(f) An earthquake destroyed the town.

7. Rewrite any *five* of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct forms : 1×5=5

(a) I wish I _____ (know) her.

(b) The First World War _____ (last) for four years and ended in 1918.

(c) I usually _____ (start) for school at 8 o'clock.

(d) They _____ (leave) for Europe tomorrow.

(e) The match _____ (begin) before we reached the stadium.

(f) She _____ (work) in our office since 2022.

(g) I _____ (get) the ticket yesterday.

(h) You _____ (sleep) when I entered the room.

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8. Rewrite any *four* of the following sentences filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 1×4=4

(a) She will come to our town _____ a week.

(b) She is playing _____ a violin.

(c) He is confident _____ success.

(d) The old woman has no one to look _____ her.

(e) Butter is made _____ milk.

(f) Please call _____ a doctor.

(g) We will start _____ six in the morning.

9. Rewrite any *four* of the following sentences as directed : 1×4=4

(a) Only Anita can do this.
(Make it negative without changing the meaning)

(b) She hoped that she would do well in the competition. (Change it into a simple sentence)

(c) Having done her work she left the place.
(Make it a compound sentence)

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(d) Kolkata is the most populous city in India.
(Rewrite the sentence by using the comparative degree of the adjective)

(e) Everybody wishes to be happy.
(Turn it into an interrogative sentence)

(f) I know his name.
(Change it into a complex sentence)

(g) We often go there every winter, _____?
(Add a question tag)

SECTION—D

(Textbooks)

(*Marks* : 45)

10. Read *one* of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

(a)

Driving from my parent's home
to Cochin last Friday morning,
I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realized with

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pain
that she was as old as she
looked ...

(i) Name the poet. 1

(ii) When did the poet observe her mother? 1

(iii) What did the poet observe about her mother's face? 2

Or

(b) The little old house was out with a little new shed
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.

(i) Where was the new shed located? 1

(ii) What did the roadside stand do? 2

(iii) What prevents the flower of cities from withering? 1

11. Answer any *three* of the following questions in **30–40** words : 2×3=6

(a) Why has the mother been compared to a late winter's moon?

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(b) What are the 'merry children spilling out of their homes' symbolic of?

(c) Why does the poet wish to count to twelve?

(d) Why does the poet say that he wants no truck with death?

(e) Mention any two things of beauty referred to in the poem, *A Thing of Beauty*.

(f) Name some of the things the roadside stand offered for sale.

12. Answer any *five* of the following questions : 1×5=5

(a) What is the most beautiful language in the world, according to M. Hamel?

(b) What did M. Hamel write at the end of the class?

(c) Who is the 'Chota Sahib' in *Memoirs of a Chota Sahib*?

(d) Name the book from which *Memoirs of a Chota Sahib* is taken.

(e) What does Mukesh want to be?

(f) What does Saheb look for in the garbage dumps?

(g) Who is Sir Edward Gait?

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(h) Which country had developed synthetic indigo?

(i) Who is the writer of *Going Places*?

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

(a) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?

(b) How was M. Hamel dressed on the day of the last lesson?

(c) What does John Rowntree say about the importance of Guwahati? Is the statement true in our time as well?

(d) What is a *mar* boat and how is it operated?

(e) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall? Explain.

(f) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.

(g) Why was the Champaran episode so significant in Gandhi's political career?

(h) Why was Gandhi impressed with Rajkumar Shukla?

(i) Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey? Which was the only occasion when she got to see Casey in person?

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14. Answer any *one* of the following questions in ***80–100*** words : 5

(a) What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school on the day of the last lesson?

(b) How did the Champaran episode change the plight of the peasants?

(c) Describe the miserable plight of the people of Firozabad.

15. Answer any *one* of the following questions in ***125–150*** words : 7

(a) Draw a character sketch of the Tiger King in your own words.

(b) Compare and contrast the stories of Zitkala-Sa and Bama.

(c) Write a note on the significance and celebration of Uruka.

16. Answer any *four* of the following questions in ***30–40*** words : 2×4=8

(a) What did the chief astrologer predict about the Tiger King?

(b) How did the hundredth tiger take its revenge on the Tiger King?

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(c) Who was Dr. Sadao? Where was his house?

(d) How did Mr. Lamb try to instill confidence and courage in Derry?

(e) Why did Zitkala-Sa feel uncomfortable in the dining room?

(f) Why did Bama feel terribly sad and provoked?

(g) What is the difference between a *Meji* and a *Bhelaghar*?

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