

e. Who will put on clean clothes? What does the poet want to convey?

d. What does the poet want these people to do?

9. Answer any four of the following questions they must be two from the Main Reader and two from the S Reader about 30-40 words each: 4x3=12

R a. Which two incidents in Douglas early life made him scared of water?

S b. 'It ate my face up. It ate my up' says Derry to Me Lamb. What in reference to and how does the play bear out the latter part of the statement?

R c. What was the condition of Share croppers at the time that Gandhiji arrest at Champaran?

S d. What is common between Zitkala-Sa and Bama?

R e. Why could the bangle makers not organise themselves into a co-operative?

S f. How did the General offer to help Dr Sado in getting rid of the American?

10. Answer the following in about 125-150 words

How did Gandhiji bring relief to the peasants of Champaran ?

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VALUE BASED QUESTIONS

11. "All we have to fear is fear itself." How do these words of Roasevelt apply to the narrator of the lesson 'Deep Water' 6

SECTION D – NOVEL BASED QUESTIONS

12 MARKS

12. a) Why was Mr Cuss shocked when the stragner took the hands out of his pocket?

b) Why did the stranger begin unwrapping his bandages in front of Mrs Hall?

c) What were Mr Cuss and Mr Bunting doing in the parlour?

d) Why was Mr Cuss dressed strangely and how did he reach home?

e) How did the author bring the towns people attention of the comming of the 'Invisible Man'?

f) Why did not the Invisible Man want to 'let go' of the tramp Marvel?

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper is divided into 3 sections A, B, C. All sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question. Whereever necessary.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION A (READING)

30 MARKS

1. Read the passage given below carefully :

12 marks

1. How often do we remmeber to treat other as you would them to treat you? In our quest to get more and more, we forget that the quality of our lives depends on the kind of personalities we have cultivated for ourselves. Genes might play a role when it comes we make. So in the begning of every year should ou resolve to make mover m oney, learn a new language, travel more frequently then you must discontinue to be the same grumpy, inpatient soul you always were, should you then not seek to refine you character, focus on nuances like how you treat people, react to challenges and deal with stress situations? For most people such a course would yield rich results.
2. According to Mary Thomas, usually our New Year resolutions remain unachieved because we try to achieve the impossible or sometimes, just add more goal that we wish to accomplish to the list of resolutions, but, strangely, we do not remember much about them during the course of the eyar as we do not seem to value them enough to complete them. The better option would be to address something fundamental to you, to who you really are, and go ahead with completing them instead of making any drastic resolutions which you will never be able to fulfil. You could involve being nice with the lady who cleans the house, or your colleague who sits near you, but you never interacted with. Another trick is to acknowledge people for the value they add to your personal or professional life. By extending basic courtesies to people around you, you add value to your life and that pays off in the long run.
3. Sometimes, we know that there is room for improvement as far as our personalities are concered but We have little or no idea where to make the start. An easy starting point could be to look for opportunities in one's immediate surroundings. One positive starting point could be tasking a positive attitude towards in one's immediate surroundings. One positive starting point could be

taking a positive attitude towards life and dispelling all negative thoughts. You could make a positive beginning by being a better person at work. This means treating everyone with respect. You should not only interact politely, but also value each person's ideas however far removed these may be, to your own. After all, your friend's ideas are an integral part of the organization to which both of you belong. Inculcating this habit of making an effort to talk to people you would normally not have to interact with on a daily basis, would make you a better person at the workplace.

4. Also, you do not have to do something extraordinary to prove your good intentions. Just greeting or smiling at your colleagues first thing in the morning could always brighten someone's day. These are simple things that we are taught while growing but tend to forget as we move through life. So essentially, being better is an exercise in learning to be nice, and you will see that playing nice will get your work done better than scolding or frowning or passing orders.
5. A purposeful life should contain skills that lead to practical changes. After all, no people are alike, so why should your ideas be the only right solution? A company, where individual differences are nurtured, information is not suppressed, soon becomes a workplace that adds value to its employees, rather than merely extracting work out of them. It makes workers feel intrinsically rewarded. It is, therefore, imperative that co-workers and partners share a camaraderie that transcend mere professional conduct and delivery. Thus, for a person who wishes to remain happy and content, it is as valuable to spend time on nurturing qualities like friendship and consideration as it is acquiring skills and knowledge.

1. On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options.

a) The quality of our lives depends on

- ☒ (i) the personalities we have cultivated for ourselves.
- (ii) the number of New Year resolutions we make.
- (iii) the challenges that people give us
- (iv) None of the above.

b) Our New Year resolutions remain unfulfilled, according to Mary Thomas, because we

- (i) make too many resolutions
- ☒ (ii) add more goals than what we can accomplish
- (iii) get caught up with our studies
- (iv) feel happy about them

- c) To add value to your life you
- (i) must earn more money
 - (ii) become more hardworking
 - ☒ (iii) should be nice to the people in your immediate surrounding
 - (iv) only (ii) and (iii)
- d) Workers feel intrinsically rewarded if
- (i) they are given bonuses
 - (ii) their work is given recognition
 - ☒ (iii) their individual differences are acknowledged
 - (iv) none of the above

II Answer the following questions briefly

- ☒ a) What kind of workplace adds value to its employees?
- ☒ b) What is the key to remaining happy and content?
- ☒ c) What are the advantages of being nice to people?
- ☒ d) What are the advantages of extending courtesies to people?
- ☒ e) Mention three resolutions that people usually make in the New Year.
- ☒ f) Why are New Year resolutions left unresolved?

III Find words from the passage which mean the same as :

- a) The natural qualities of a person's character (para 1)
- b) Basic (para 2)

2. Read the passage given below carefully.

1. The newest stress buster is paper Yoga. Adults are now changing over from their smart phones to colouring books to beat anxiety and relax. They spend hours hunched over the drawing of mandalas filling in their words into the circle, with colours. These adult colouring books are classified in the adult category and are becoming fast selling items as people reach out to them to relax their minds. And it is not just mandala drawings that are in vogue. Others settle for elaborate landscapes, cultural tableaux, brimming with images of dancers, singers and concerts. Involutes of various shapes also make up this list.
2. Just as the demand has kept growing, there are also authors who are much in demand for their relaxing creations. Leading in this field is Johanna Basford, who has sold 1.4 million copies of her books 'Secret Garden', 'Enchanted Forest' and 'Lost Ocean', in a matter of

just two years. More bookstores have now started stacking such books as customers are asking for them. Publishers now contend that it is not just celebrity authors in this category but any book with the tag-line 'de-stress' has a readymade market for it.

3. Another reason for the success of these books is that they are multilingual in the way that they speak to adults of all age groups cultures and dispositions. Even nursery teachers are fast becoming customers of these books not because they are overworked but because of the fun that even five-year olds are having with their own colouring books.
4. The new trend has been dubbed 'Paper Yoga'. While the junior versions of these books hold simple generously proportioned patterns, that allow for a child's broad strokes, the adult variants typically have tight kaleidoscopes that require a fine pen and a staunch eye. As they do not require special skills to execute, publishers are marketing it with the tag-line that their target customer is anyone who can draw satisfaction from something beautiful. The skills of drawing and colouring or conceptualization, essentials for the art of drawing, are not in this list of requirements. Thus the phobia of being an expert or amateur is not a deterrent.
5. So far, publishers have had to import their stock as there are not sufficient titles available. But illustrators are fast catching up with this trend and some have even ventured into self-publishing in this line. Others are innovating still more meaningful inputs into this work by asking customers to bring their own experiences to the book.
6. Individual stories of success are making an appearance too. Illustrator Indu Harikumar started her self-published colouring book, 'Beauty Needs Space', on social media. She priced a copy of 12 artworks at 21500 and sold 155 of the 200 she had printed. 'People have written to say that they connected with the book as they worked on it.'
7. While adults are discovering their inner selves through this creative pursuit, art-based therapeutics warn against expecting too much from these books for saving lives or minds. At best, they calm the mind and are a temporary diversion. for the mind and cut off the noise of clamouring thoughts. These books they claim can offer therapeutic returns only when used in conjunction with a therapist's counsel. As yet the entire process is undergoing a testing time but whatever little of it has emerged, is being hailed as a step in the positive direction

(I) On the basis of your of the passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options:

(a) Adults spend hours over their mandalas

- (i) colouring them
- (ii) filling in the words into them
- (iii) filling in messages into them

- (iv) writing their life history in them
- (b) Joanna Basford calls her colouring books
- (i) Basford Gardens, Secret gardens
 - (ii) Paper Yoga, Beauty Needs Space
 - (iii) Enchanted Forest, Paper Boats
 - (iv) Secret Garden, Enchanted Forest, Lost Ocean
- (c) Indu Harikumar started her colouring book
- (i) on the social media
 - (ii) in public spaces
 - (iii) in school classrooms
 - (iv) in international meets
- (d) Colouring books can serve best if combined with
- (i) a temporary diversion of the mind
 - (ii) working on social media
 - (iii) a therapist's counsel
 - (iv) without a therapist's advice

II Answer the following questions briefly

- a) What is the newest stress buster and what does it use?
- b) What topics distinguish adult colouring books?
- c) Why are the publishers forced to import stock?
- d) What is the latest trend in this line?
- e) Who is the leading author in this field?
- f) Trace the growth of an Indian author in this line.

3 Read the passage given below carefully:

To most of us the most fascinating thing about spiders is the webs they spin. But actually a spider is the most amazing, creature in many other respects. First of all, spiders are not insects. They belong to a group known as 'arachnids' and differ from insects in that they have eight legs, usually eight eyes, no wings and only two parts to their bodies.

← Different for
Insects

Various species of spider

Life of Spider

They can live on any type of climate and are found in every part of the world. They can live in the air, on the water, on the ground, depending on their species. They vary in size from 8 centimeters to some that are so small that they are barely visible. Some spiders can go a whole year without water. One type of spider, the large tarantula, eats birds and can live for as long as 15 years. Yet most spiders live for just one year.

The silk in a spider's web is manufactured in certain abdominal glands. The silk is forced through many tiny holes from the spinning organs at the tip of the abdomen. It comes out as a liquid which become solid on contact with the air.

There are many kinds of silk that a spider can spin. The sticky silk which the spider uses in its web to catch its prey is the sticky one. The strong supporting spokes which are non-sticky and the silks in its cocoon in which the eggs are laid are actually soft and fluffy. Other silks that it weaves are hard and even fibrous.

Even the shapes of spiders' web differ. 'Some makes webs that are shaped like wheels and are commonly used for catching its prey. It is made by first forming a rectangle with heavy outer lines which form the foundation lines of the web. The spokes of the wheel are constructed next. Then comes a scaffolding of three to four spiels. The close, sticky silk spiral is built last.

Other webs that a spider spins are 'sheet webs'. They are flat and are funnel-shaped. Sometimes, they are even dome-shaped masses of silk. The spider uses one side of the web to live in it. 'Trap' door spiders make a burrow with a lid at the top. It is disguised by sticks and dirt. A 'Wolf' spider builds a runnel into the ground and lines the area with silk.

The European water spider builds a home in the shape of a bell. This is done entirely under water! The spider then fills it with air brought from the surface in the hairs of its abdomen. Then she lays eggs and rears the young in this enclosure until they are old enough to build webs for themselves. Yet not all spiders build nests for themselves. Some of them just make a 'home' in a leaf, or a slice of tree bark instead.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it. Using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary – minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.
- b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

SECTION B – ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS

30 MARKS

4. You have been invited as a judge for a debate competition by New Era Public School. Draft a formal refusal for the invitation extended. Draft all the details.

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or

Draft a poster on Water Conservation.

Accident
→ Defect
→ known
→ not
→ late

5.

You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. They cause traffic jams as well as accidents. You have already written to the authorities concerned but no action has taken so far. Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindu drawing attention of the Municipal Commissioner, Chennai. You are Shantha/Suresh of 12, M. G. Road Chennai. 6

or

You are Ritwik or Ritu write a letter to your friend describing the summer vacation you enjoyed with your friends. Invent details. 6

6.

You are recently seen on the T.V. a stray dog beaten to death by a group of boys. Their act as infuriated you. You decide to write an article in 125-150 words on cruelty to animals. You are Nikhil or Naina. 10

Chigaa
will write
on this
notes

or

Failure and setbacks are a normal part of life. They make us aware of our short coming and encourage us to conquer them write an article in 125-150 words on 'Failure is a stepping stone to success.'

7.

A recent health checkup in your school revealed that many among your classmates were suffering from weak eyesight. You feel concerned. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on 'How to protect your eyesight' 10

or

As an active member of Science Club of your school, write a speech on the Topic 'Advantage of Nuclear Power'. You are Raghav/Ramita of your school.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

40 MARKS

8. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follows

There who prepare green wars
wars with gas war with fire,
victory with no survivors
would put on clear clothes
and walk about with their brothers

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- Explain 'Wars with gas, wars with fire'.
- Why does the poet called it a 'Victory with no survivors'?