

2. Choose the correct answer from the option, given below each questions.
Write your answer in the box given alongside.

1×6 = 6

(a) Complete the sentence by using one of the phrases given below.

It has been raining since morning.

- (i) Bag and Baggage (ii) Cats and Dogs
(iii) Humpty and Dumpty (iv) Deaf and Dumb

(b) Combine the sentences given below by using one of the alternatives.

This is the man; I knew him.

- (i) I have known him (ii) Who is known to me
(iii) Who is known by me (iv) Having known him

(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentence with the correct verb form.

He for Mumbai in a day or two.

- (i) Has left (ii) Has been leaving
(iii) Leaves (iv) May have left

(d) Correct the following sentence by using one of the alternatives.

The teacher asked the student why was he late.

- (i) Why he has been late (ii) Why he was late
(iii) Why did he become late (iv) Why was he being late

(e) Rewrite the sentence with one of the choice given below to change it into comparative degree.

Papori is the prettiest girl in the class.

- (i) No other girl is as pretty as Papori
(ii) Papori is prettier than any other girl
(iii) All girls in the class are prettier than Papori
(iv) The other girls are not as pretty as Papori

(f) Insert the correct preposition in the blank in the following sentence from the alternative given

The pen is often compared a sword

- (i) with (ii) to (iii) from (iv) for

3. Answer any three of the following questions

6×3 = 18

(a) Write a letter to your friend giving details of how you are planning to celebrate Dol Yatra in mid March.

or

Write an application to the Controller of Examinations, KK Handiqui State Open University requesting him to allow you to change your present examination centre to one of Dibrugarh. Also give the reasons.

(b) "Tell me not, in mournful numbers,

"Life is but an empty dream!"

For the soul is dead that slumbers,

And things are not what they seem".

(i) Name the poem and the poet. 2

(ii) What does the poet advise the reader to believe? 2

(iii) Explain the line :

"Life is but an empty dream!"

(c) Write a precis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it.

Whenever I talk to the youth anywhere in India. I am invariably asked one question; which are your favourite books? Even though modern life has changed many of our habits, reading is one activity that is still popular in our country. From newspapers and magazines to books, there is no dearth of reading matter available to us. It is heartening that with the growth of the literacy rate in India, the demand for books of different kinds has grown. This shows, I think, that people are not just learning to read and write in school. They are also getting educated and improving their ways of thinking. Reading helps to build these invaluable qualities and the habit of reading can never be encouraged enough.

For me personally, books have always been close companions, I discovered some when I was very young, and have never forgotten them. They are like friends who have led me by the hand and guided me through life. Their words breathe meaning into my setinations, for I use them to understand the world around me.

4. Answer the following questions (any two)

10×2 = 20

(a) What kind of present did Nehru give his daughter on her birthday? Explain the contents of the present.

(b) What is the message of Longfellow to the people in the poem "A Psalm of Life"?

or

Describe the incident that led to the conviction of Scott in Drinkwater's play.

(c) Who is Mrs. Loisel? State briefly why Mrs. Loisel had to return a replacement of the original necklace to its owner.

or

Why is a feasible environment necessary for the pelicans?