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**Section-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Most people don't know that world-wide monitoring has shown that the ozone in the stratosphere has declined, over the past two decades, with losses of around 10% in winter and spring and around 5% in

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summer and autumn in locations as diverse as Europe, Australia and North America. The United Nations report stated that the annual dose of harmful ultraviolet radiation striking the northern hemisphere rose by 5% during the last decade or that scientists estimate that for each 1% decline in ozone levels, human beings will suffer as much as a 2% to 3% increase in the incidences of certain cancers of the skin.

Do any of these facts make any sense ? Why should a declining ozone layer assume so much importance ? Here's why, ozone does a wonderful job absorbing those damaging ultraviolet rays, so harmful to man. Indeed without these gaseous shield, harmful radiation would have undisputed access to the earth. Every year, millions of tonnes

of pollutant gases are sent into the Earth's atmosphere. Some remain at low levels but some accumulate in the upper atmosphere, drastically, altering—the way the sun's heat energy and rays pass to from the earth.

Each year since that late 1970's, the stratospheric ozone above Antarctica has disappeared during September creating what is popularly known as the ozone hole. What is frightening is the fact that this Antarctic is about a million miles—nearly the size of North America. This hole over Antarctica lasts only two months but during this time it lets in lethal doses of ultraviolet radiation. After its stay here, the

hole passes over the world's more populated parts including Australia and New Zealand, where the ultraviolet radiation which it lets in has the potential to cause various types of skin cancer, injure the eyes, harm the immune system and upset the balance of an entire ecosystem.

Research on ozone and the atmosphere led to a global ban on synthetic gases. The burning of oil in vehicles, coal and wood in factories and homes has led to the production of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases leading to greenhouse effect and global warming. Scientists fear that these greenhouse gases may trap so much heat that the earth would warm up by more than 4 degrees celcius over the next 50 years and it would be fatal for all of us.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

These days, too many parents can't say 'no' to their children. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want does not satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it is time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what is really important; values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher. A study has revealed that when given too much

too soon, children grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's discuss appointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the workplace and in relationships.

Psychologists say that parents who over indulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The parents were born without PC, video games, MP3 and flat screen TV and tried to get them with their hard work. But today's kids want

everything from parents, calling it as their moral duty. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amount and find themselves emptying their credit cards, only because they find no guts to say 'no' to their kids.

Today's parents are not equipped to deal with this problem. Some parents have taken to kid's way only to prove to them and their friends that they are modern and updated. They even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. And they work more hours to meet the demand of the time and to avoid any conflict with kids. They find no courage to make their kids understand that rat-race won't help them to keep them successful in this

competitive world. Experts say too much love won't spoil a child, too few limits will. Parents need to find a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. Children need limits on their behaviour because they feel and live better and secure when they live within secured structures.

### Questions :

- (i) What are the results of giving the children too much too soon ?
- (ii) Which word in paragraph 1, means 'a feeling of satisfaction' ?
- (iii) Use the word 'conflict' in your own sentence.
- (iv) What values do parents and teachers want children to learn ?



(v) In 'moral duty' the word 'moral' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

(vi) Psychologist say that parents who overindulge their kids, make them vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. (True/False)

(vii) Give the antonym of 'affluent'.

(viii) What does the word 'distorted' mean .....

(Fill in the blank)

(ix) Parents need to find a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons. (Yes/No)

(x) Give a suitable title to this passage.

1×10=10

**Section-B**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. As a social worker, design a poster to be pasted at important places of the city encouraging and reminding people why and how to save water for better future ? (50 words)

Or

As the Principal of a Higher Secondary School, Jammu/Srinagar, draft a commercial advertisement for the part time services of a Yoga teacher (to teach Yoga to students for only two days per week) against a suitable honorarium. (50 words)

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4. A student of your school saved two small boys from drowning in the canal, where they fell accidentally, putting his own life in danger. As the

Principal of the school, write a letter to the Advisor to the Lt. Governor of JK (U.T.) that your student's name may also be included in the list of person going to be awarded with 'Bravery Awards' on Republic Day.

(120–150 words)

Or

As the librarian of your school, as desired and ordered by your Principal, write a letter to M/s National Book House placing an order of some books for English, Maths and Physics for 12th class which

have been published and recommended by BOSE. (120–150 words) 6

5. Write an e-Mail to your friend to find out his health condition as he accidentally broke his leg. (50–80 words) 4

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6. As the student editor of your school magazine, write an article on the topic "How can the youth fight against the growing trend of crime against women." (200-250 words)

Or

As the correspondent of a Local Newspaper, write a report of an accident which took place between a passenger bus and a motor cyclist on the highway. (200-250 words)

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7. Edit the following passage :

As soon as I reached home, it start raining heavily. I was happy for reach home safe and unwet. I asked my mother if I can get a cup of hot tea. She nodded, smiled and quickly prepared tea for me and did not forgot to add ginger powder in it. "What would you like with tea—biscuit or bread toast", she asked me. I said that bread toast will be a fine choice. It is really wonderful to have a hot cup of tea on a raining day. Don't you agree with me.

1×8=8

**Section—C**

**(Literature)**

8. Read the extracted lines of a poem given below and answer any two of the questions given at the end :

When did my childhood go ?

Was it when I found my mind was really mine.

To use whichever way I choose,

Producing thoughts that were not those of other people

But my own, and mine alone.

Was that the day!

*Questions :*

- (i) Explain "My mind was really mine".
- (ii) What kind of thoughts could he produce ?
- (iii) Name the poem and the poet of these lines.

1×2=2

9. Answer any five of the following questions :

(i) Why did the grandmother accompany the narrator to his school ?

What did she do there ?

(ii) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?

(iii) Do you justify or not the cold behaviour of Mrs. Dorling towards the narrator ? Give reasons.

(iv) How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem 'Father to Son' ?

(v) How do Shahid and the writer react to the knowledge that Shahid is going to die ?

(vi) When did Ranga plan to marry and why ?

2×5=10

10. How does the story, 'We're not Afraid to Die', suggest that optimism helps to endure the direct stress ? (120-150 words)

Or

What is the change that has come in human perceptions ? What is the role of the Green Movement in bringing such a change ? (120-150 words)

11. What does it reflect on Einstein's nature from his conversation with History teacher, Maths teacher and the Head teacher ? (120–150 words)

Or

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war.

Discuss. (120–150 words)

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12. What do you mean by 'Outsider Art' ? Describe the world-wide recognition achieved by Nek Chand as a living example of outsider art. (120–150 words)

Or

In comparison between Crocker Harris and Frank, what qualities come to light that Frank missed for becoming a great teacher.

(120–150 words)

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