

## PRACTICE PAPER (2019-20)

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GMT-I/250

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### General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### Section A: Reading 20 Marks

Q1 Read the passage carefully.

#### Red Cross: How Hope Evolved

On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 270,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle. A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was traveling in Solferino witnessed all this. Jean Henri Dunant witnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organized a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. <sup>2nd Para</sup> After that moment, he wrote the book, A Memory of Solferino, which urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross. The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic

treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.

1:1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1x8=8)

(i) How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?

(a) 270,000 (b) 40,000

(c) 230,000 (d) 23,000

(ii) What is the correct order of the information given below?

I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.

II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.

III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written.

IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.

(a) IV, III, II, I (b) I, II, III, IV

(c) II, I, IV, III (d) II, IV, I, III

(iii) The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:

(a) Emperor Napoleon III

(b) Franz Joseph I

(c) Jean Henri Dunant

(d) International Red Cross

(iv) The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:

(a) Blood donation

(b) Disaster Relief

(c) Epidemic Treatment

(d) Writing a book

(v) The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:

- (a) How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved!
- (b) Functions of Red Cross
- (c) The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant
- (d) The Battle of Solferino

(vi) The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:

- I. to help bring water and food to the injured
- II. to assist with medical treatment
- III. to write a book
- IV. to give relief in epidemic

- (a) I and III
- (b) III and IV
- (c) I and II
- (d) II and III

(vii) You can donate your blood and your \_\_\_\_\_ to Red Cross.

(viii) Jean Henri Dunant participated in the war. (True/ False)

Q2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. It is almost impossible to escape from advertisements. Hoardings stare down at us from all sides of the roads; crude neon signs wink above shops; jingles and slogans assault our ears. In magazines, pictures of washing machines and custard powders take up more room than the letter press. All these are 20<sup>th</sup> century developments which have grown side by side with the spread of education and technical advances in radio and TV.
2. There are two main tactics advertisers use to sell their product: they either imply that their product will bring about the achievement of a particular (usually real) good, or they make their product the object of desire, therefore making it an apparent good to people.



3. Advertising assaults not only our eyes and ears but also our pockets. Its critics point out that in this country 1.6% of the national income is spent on advertising and this advertising actually raises the cost of products. When a housewife buys a pound of flour, 5% of what she pays goes to some advertiser or other, even if she has not bothered to ask the shopkeeper for a particular brand.
4. These amounts seem a great deal to pay for the questionable benefits of advertising, but there are a few things to be said in its favour-some things cost less. Newspapers, magazines, commercial radio and television- all carry advertisements. The money they receive from the advertisers helps them to lower the cost of production.
5. In this way, we get information and entertainment at lower prices than would otherwise have to be charged. Therefore, what we lose on the swings we gain on the roundabouts. Apart from this very important consideration, advertising to some extent ensures that a product will maintain its quality. It also gives rise to competition among manufacturers, which gives the customers a wider choice. Competition may even succeed, in some cases, in reversing the influence of advertising and causing a reduction in price.
6. It can also be used to educate people about certain diseases or danger. Examples are AIDS, TB, Polio, Viral diseases etc. Advertising a public welfare programme has positive social impact whereas exposing a woman in an advertisement has a negative impact on society. It is true that advertising increases consumption, but it also true that the more we consume, the more we destroy the environment, because if demand increases, production also increases.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (2x4=8)

- (i) Pick out and write two examples from the passage which indicate the author's negative view of advertising.
- (ii) Explain how advertising favours a customer.

- (iii) What inference can we draw from the words 'even if she has not bothered to ask the shopkeeper for a particular brand' in the sentence in which it occurs?
- (iv) "What we lose on the swings we gain on the roundabouts." Explain what this means.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

(1x4=4)

- (i) The word in paragraph 1 which means the same as 'strike' is.....
- (ii) Which word in paragraph 5 means the same as 'reason'?
- (a) Because  
(b) Therefore  
(c) Causing  
(d) Consideration
- (iii) Find a word in paragraph 3 means the same as 'really'.
- (iv) Which word in paragraph 6 is an antonym of 'production'?

### Section B: Writing & Grammar 30 Marks

Q 3 You are Neha/ Nihal, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

You are Aditi/Aditya. Write an article on the topic 'Importance of Physical Health in our Lives' using the clue given below. (100-150 words) (8)

- Healthy mind lives in a healthy body
- Lack of time for physical activity
- Ignoring health increases the risk of diseases

- Discipline is the key to resolving these concerns

Q 4 Complete the following story- (150-200 words) (10)

Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarreled with one another. One fine day.....

OR

Taking *clue* from the *hints* picture given *below*, write a story in 150-200 words. (10)

Kunal- good student- determined- scored good marks- examination got late- helping an old man- teacher scolded- later appreciated- gave exam- stood first

Q 5 Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow. (1x4=4)

No matter how old you (a) \_\_\_\_\_, drink at least a glass of milk everyday if you want to sharpen your mental skills. A new study (b) \_\_\_\_\_ claimed that drinking a glass of milk daily not only boosts one's intake of much needed nutrients, but also positively impacts one's brain power. For those (c) \_\_\_\_\_ are allergic to milk, many alternatives are available. Soya- milk is one great substitute (d) \_\_\_\_\_ milk.

- (a) (i) am      (ii) are      (iii) was (iv) were  
(b) (i) has      (ii) have      (iii) had (iv) having  
(c) (i) that      (ii) who      (iii) which (iv) whom  
(d) (i) by      (ii) of      (iii) to (iv) for

Q 6 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1x4=4)



		Incorrect Word	Correction
Once upon a time, their were three frogs.	Ex.	Their	There
They live in a swamp. They had a good time there.	a.		
A troll to lived in the swamp. The troll was as ugly	b.		
as a tree. The frogs were ,in fact, three princes	c.		
whom			
have been bewitched after they had eaten fungi.	d.		

Q7 Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)

- (a) wheel is/man's/the/invention/greatest/perhaps
- (b) very difficult/it was/ to travel/earlier/ long distances
- (c) people/to travel/therefore/dared/very adventurous/only
- (d) can/now/travel/ to /anyone/easily/anywhere

### Section C - Literature 30 Marks

Q8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

Or if some time when roaming around,  
 A noble wild beast greets you,  
 With black stripes on a yellow ground,  
 Just notice if he eats you.  
 This simple rule may help you learn  
 The Bengal tiger to discern.

- (a) The poet calls the tiger a noble animal because.....
- (b) The Bengal tiger may be recognized by .....
- (c) What does the poet ask the reader to notice about a Bengal Tiger?
  - (i) His black stripes
  - (ii) His nobility

- (iii) If the beast eats you
- (iv) None of these

(d) What does 'to discern' mean here?

OR

On that lovely autumn day, I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr de Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people.

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- (b) In which capacity did the speaker take the oath?
- (c) What oath did the speaker take?
- (d) Which word in the passage is the synonym of "platform".

Q 9 Answer **any five** of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each. (2x5=10)

- (a) Why did the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why did he sign the letter 'God'?
- (b) "The sight of food maddened him." What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?
- (c) "Horace Danby was good and respectable-but not completely honest". Why do you think this description is apt for Horace?
- (d) Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?
- (e) The course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
- (f) Why did the conductor call Valli 'Madam'?

Q 10 Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate with reference to 'A Letter to God'. (100-150 words) (8)

OR



Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. Why do you think she has such opinion about her teacher, Mr. Keesing? (100-150 words) (8)

Q 11 Herriot seems to be a duty-bound doctor who values other's emotions than his personal interests. Elucidate the above statement. (100-150 words) (8)

OR

Presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun. How far is it true in the case of Ausable, the secret agent? (100-150 words) (8)