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## Instructions:

**This question paper is divided into three sections.**

Section A: Reading **(20 marks)**

Section B: Writing and Grammar **(25 marks)**

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text **(25 marks)**

## General Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet.
3. Options are internal.

## Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

**(8 marks)**

Soon after 1999 fire in Shahjahanabad, orders came for the chemical traders to move out to Holambi Kalan, near Narela Industrial Area on the city's northwestern periphery. In 2006, even the paper merchants of Chawri Bazaar got an ultimatum to relocate to Ghazipur due to fire safety concerns. But so far, not a single chemical or paper trader has moved out of the tiderbox that is Old Delhi. Why? Traders say the conditions at the new sites are not conducive for business. For instance, paper merchants say, the Integrated Freight Complex (IFC), Ghazipur, where they are supposed to move has poor infrastructure and inadequate security. So, five years after Delhi Development Authority allotted plots to 621 traders, they continue to operate out of Chawri Bazaar and only 250 old have started construction in Ghazipur. Chemical traders, too, are resisting relocation to Holambi Kalan for similar reasons. "The place is a jungle. There are no roads, streetlights, water pipelines, sewerage and security. Most of us don't even know which piece of land belongs to us. Land has been transferred only on paper," said Shyam Sunder Gupta, General Secretary, Chemical Market Association. So far, plots have been allotted to 639 of the 883 chemical traders found eligible in the 1999 survey. For traders who feel secure amidst old associates and the tightly packed warrens of these old markets, a move to the spacious new sites seems fraught with risk. "Traders keep lakhs of rupees with them. At least nobody can rob us of our hard earned money here," said Pradeep, a chemical merchant. "There are no arrangements for security (at the new sites). In our warehouses, we have goods worth lakhs of rupees. How can we leave them there," said Prem Prakash, who paid Rs 16 lakhs for a 98 sqm plot in Ghazipur. Batting for the traders, area MP and human resource development minister, Kapil Sibal, said it is unfair to ask traders to move to the outskirts without providing them facilities. "The matter has been pending for a long time. I have asked the Union Urban Development Minister to expedite the process so that the area (Walled City) can be decongested and redeveloped.

We can't ask people to move to an area where basic amenities are missing," said Sibal. Notwithstanding orders of the government and the high court to move wholesale traders out of the old city, the number of establishments has only increased over the years. According to a conservative estimate, paper merchants have increased by 15-20 %, and chemical merchants by 20-30% since the relocation orders were issued. "The number of paper traders has increased considerably since 2006. DDA is yet to provide plots to nearly 300 old traders. What will happen to the new traders?" said Mahesh Shah, President of Paper Merchants' Association. Chemical traders, too, have similar concerns. "They have allotted plots based on a survey done in 1999-2000. The market has grown a lot in the last 11 years," said Gupta. As per Master Plan of Delhi 2021, Municipal Corporation of Delhi is responsible for stopping expansion of wholesale markets and commercial activity in Shahjahanabad, but MCD officials themselves admit there is rampant commercialization in the area.

**Based on your reading of the extract above, do as directed:**

**Complete the following statements:**

1. After Shahjahanabad's 1999 fire disaster the chemical traders where ordered to... **(1mark)**
2. The local MP also believes that it would be difficult for traders to move to new sites unless... **(1mark)**
3. According to the 2021 master plan, MCD is responsible for... **(1mark)**

**Answer the following questions:**

4. Why are paper merchants not finding the new sites conducive for business? **(1mark)**
5. What are the allegations made by chemical traders? **(1mark)**
6. How can the area of walled city be improved according to the needs of traders? **(1mark)**
7. Find synonym of: (i) boundary (ii) insufficient **(2 marks)**

**Q.2. Read the following passage carefully:**

**(2 × 6 = 12 marks)**

Reality television is a genre of television programming which, it is claimed, presents unscripted dramatic or humorous situations, documents actual events, and features ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial or 'heightened' documentary. Although the genre has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, the current explosion of popularity dates from around 2000.

Reality television covers a wide range of television programming formats, from game or quiz shows which resemble the frantic, often demeaning programmes produced in Japan in the 1980s and 1990s (a modern example is Gaki no tsukai), to surveillance- or voyeurism- focused productions such as Big Brother.

Critics say that the term 'reality television' is somewhat of a misnomer and that such shows frequently portray a modified and highly influenced form of reality, with participants put in exotic locations or abnormal situations, sometimes coached to act in certain ways by off-screen handlers, and with events on screen manipulated through editing and other post-production techniques. Part of reality television's appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. For example, on the ABC show, The Bachelor,

an eligible male dates a dozen women simultaneously, travelling on extraordinary dates to scenic locales. Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities, outwardly in talent and performance programs such as Pop Idol, though frequently Survivor and Big Brother participants also reach some degree of celebrity. Some commentators have said that the name 'reality television' is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition-based programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, and other special-living-environment shows like The Real World, the producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment, creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviours and conflicts. Mark Burnett, creator of Survivor and other reality shows, has agreed with this assessment, and avoids the word 'reality' to describe his shows; he has said, "I tell good stories. It really is not reality TV. It really is unscripted drama."

**Based on your reading of the extract above, answer the following questions:**

1. In the first line, the writer says 'it is claimed' because...
2. Reality television has...
3. Who criticized the reality television? Why?
4. Why do you think Reality TV appeals to some?
5. Give synonym of: (i) conflict (ii) potential
6. According to Mark Burnett, what is reality television?

### **SECTION B (Writing and Grammar)**

**Q.3.** The senior citizens are insecure about many things. They are soft targets for robbery, fraud, property disputes and emotional and physical abuse. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern about the insecurity and fears that the elderly people are faced with. Suggest ways as to how the government could play an important role in protecting their interest and also how they should deal with their problem. **(6 marks)**

**Q.4 Write an article on the given topic in not more than 150 words: (5 marks)**  
**Mobile Phones: A Modern Utility or a Health Hazard**

**Q.5 In about 150-200 words write a story on 'Dreams and Reality' expressing your own ideas. You could use some of the phrases given below: (4 marks)**  
 "Counting your chickens again before they're hatched, are you? No wonder you could never make a go of it."

**Q.6. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate option from those given in the brackets. (3 marks)**

The use of water as (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (a, the, an, or) agent in the treatment of disease is known (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (as, to, according, by) hydrotherapy. The beneficial effect of water (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (could, would, can, will) be used in the treatment of many diseases. Water is (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (one, many, other, some) of the heaven's choicest blessings. Water acts on the body in various ways according (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (on, in, to, from) its temperature. It helps to remove toxins (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (for, from, away, in) the body.

**Q7. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (0.5 × 8=4 marks)**

The Red Cross is International organisation e.g. is an International  
concerned alleviation suffering and a. \_\_\_\_\_  
promoting public health. It was founded 1864 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
on the insistence of Jean Henri Dunant, had c. \_\_\_\_\_  
witnessed the slaughter of 30,000 soldiers the d. \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle of Solferino during Franco-Austrian War. d. \_\_\_\_\_  
He formed a permanent relief society those wounded e. \_\_\_\_\_  
in war and called it the International Red Cross.  
During the last century The Red Cross had played leading f. \_\_\_\_\_  
role in saving the lives many wounded soldiers in the war. g. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.8. Look at the sentences given below in a disorderly form. Re-order them to form meaningful sentences. (3 × 1=3 marks)**

Example: retailer/ice-cream/to tell/The Swad/has a story  
The Swad ice-cream retailer has a story to tell.

1. is a/ice-cream/that/tough business/selling/he feels
2. there are/too many/ice-creams/of/nowadays/brands
3. there were/varieties/just two or three/different/a decade ago

**SECTION C (Literature and Long Reading Text)**

**Q9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (3 marks)**

“Caesar shall forth : the things that threatened me  
Ne'er looked but on my back ; when they shall see  
The face of Caesar; they are vanished.”

**Questions:**

- (i) Who speaks these lines and to whom ?
- (ii) What do the words, ‘Caesar shall forth’ mean ?
- (iii) What kind of person is the speaker ?

**OR**

And truly I was afraid, I was most afraid, but even so, honoured still more that  
he should seek my hospitality from out the dark door of the secret.

**Questions:**

- (i) Who was the speaker afraid of ? Why ?
- (ii) What do we come to know about the speaker’s character from these lines ?
- (iii) Why did he feel honoured ?

**Q.10. Answer the following questions:**

**(4 × 2 = 8 marks)**

1. Why did Helen and other ghosts organize 'The Writers Inspiration Bureau' ?
2. Why did the news of Shultz's miracle recovery shock Michael?
3. Which conflict in his mind troubled the narrator when he saw the snake ?
4. What was the reaction of Lavania when she saw her husband in the writer's room?

**Q.11. Answer the following question:**

**(4 marks)**

What does Caesar mean when he says 'Cowards die many times before their death, the valiant never taste of death but once' ?

**OR**

'Water, water, everywhere..... Nor any drop to drink'. When does the ancient mariner make this comment?

**Q.12. Answer any one of the following questions:**

**(10 marks)**

**THE STORY OF MY LIFE :**

- (A) Describe the progress made by Helen Keller during the two years she spent at Wright-Humason School for the Deaf in New York City.

**OR**

- (B) It was her determination that helped Helen Keller get admission to Radcliffe College. Elaborate.

**THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL :**

- (A) Assess 'The Diary of a Young Girl' as an autobiography.

**OR**

- (B) What does Anne Frank think about her and her family's life in the secret annexe? Does she feel lucky or unfortunate to be living in the annexe ?

**Best of Luck**