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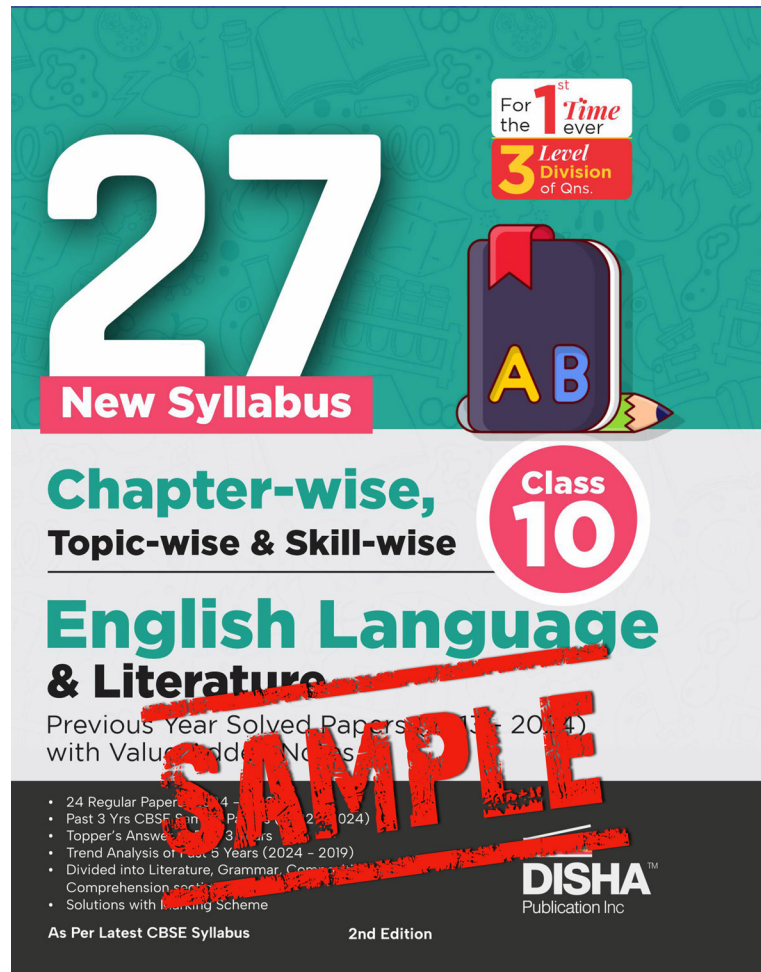
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CBSE BOARD SOLVED PAPER

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

- (i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains **THREE** sections -
Section - A : Reading Skills
Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
Section - C : Literature
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A : READING

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

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- (1) The words probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics may sound like variations of the same thing, but what a difference a prefix makes. The first is a category of health-promoting microbes. The latter two groups are types of beneficial molecules. But all three biotics are critical for supporting the community of microscopic organisms that live in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome. With both beneficial and harmful bacteria living in the human body, these diet-related factors — the biotics — help tip the balance in the positive direction. It is important to understand their differences, as you'll see, because each of these factors serves a distinct purpose, even as they work together.
- (2) Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these 'biotics', which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract. A growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics, and postirbiotics, with improvements in metabolic diseases — including obesity and cholesterol abnormalities — depressive symptoms and poor sleep quality, among many other conditions.
- (3) Besides promoting general gut health, consuming food rich in probiotics can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea, prevent traveller's

diarrhea, produce vitamins and increase nutrient absorption, and decrease the risk of common infections. In fact, when consumed regularly, probiotics have been found to reduce the occurrence of upper respiratory tract infections (like the common cold).

- (4) Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics. The most common ones include *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*, of which there are dozens of strains. "You have to match what it is you're concerned about with the probiotic you should use," says Gregor Reid. Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics.
- (5) Some foods, such as yogurt, kefir, kimchee, and fermented soybeans and kombucha naturally contain probiotics. But here's where things get complicated: not all fermented foods or yogurts contain probiotics, Reid says. As a consumer, a good starting point is to look for the phrase "contains live and active cultures" on the label; it's even better if specific strains of bacteria are listed, because then you'll know you're getting the right stuff.
- (6) Simply put, prebiotics are sources of food for those beneficial microbes — the probiotics. They are typically a form of carbohydrate or fiber that we don't have the enzymes to digest. As a result, they move through the digestive tract to the intestine, where beneficial bacteria (probiotics) can feast on them.
- (7) When you consume foods that are rich in probiotics and prebiotics, the microbes in your gut consume the

undigestible prebiotic fiber and produce bioactive compounds called postbiotics. They are ultimately the endgame that we want — they affect how our gut operates and keeps the good bacteria there and the bad bacteria out.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- 10
- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards probiotics? 1
- (a) Probiotics, prebiotics and postbiotics are variations of the same thing, with just a difference of a prefix.
- (b) All fermented foods or yogurts naturally contain probiotics.
- (c) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.
- (d) Only probiotics are important as they can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea.
- (ii) According to the writer, health benefits of all the 'biotics' extend beyond the digestive tract. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- To get the right probiotic and to match it with your body's requirement, it is important to see the label for _____.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A) - (E) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1
- (a) increase and decrease
- (b) probiotic and postbiotic
- (c) beneficial and harmful
- (d) feast and fermented
- (e) consuming and digestive
- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author wants to stress the fact that there is not just one type of beneficial bacteria considered as probiotic, in fact, some probiotics have _____.
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, the importance of prebiotics for the human gut and how they are related to probiotics. 2
- (vii) As a consumer, if you want to pick a probiotic product, what is the most important thing to keep in mind? 1
- Pick the best answer.
- (a) Any fermented product that contains probiotics.
- (b) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.
- (c) All products under "probiotics" section in a grocery store are safe to pick.
- (d) Checking the label which clearly says "probiotics" is sufficient.
- (viii) "Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these 'biotics', which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract." 1
- As per this statement from the passage, how relevant are the 'biotics' for humans? Pick the best answer.
- (a) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.
- (b) Not very relevant as more study is needed.
- (c) Their relevance cannot be generalised for everyone.
- (d) Only probiotics are relevant for humans.
2. Read the following passage carefully: 10
- (1) After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India — like in other countries — in the past two years.
- (2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance — 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.
- (3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire

to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.

The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1
We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because _____.
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1
The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. 2
After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (iv) Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019? 1
- (v) 'The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations'. Which 'industry' is being talked about here? 1

- (vi) As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022?
State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1

- (vii) Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study? (Answer in about 40 words.) 2

- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? 1

- (a) International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
- (b) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.
- (c) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (d) The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.

SECTION - B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING

SKILLS GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

- 3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed: 10×1=10

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter: 1

Dear Mr. Sanjay,

I am writing this letter to officially inform you that the management has _____ (approve) the request submitted by you for a business trip to Germany.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from a book review article. 1

Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Isn't it great when you find one of those books that completely pulls you in and make you fall in love with the characters?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) Tanmay and Sonia had a conversation about their summer vacation plans. 1

Report Tanmay's question.

Where are you planning to go this summer vacation?

- (iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the warning given before a YouTube video. 1

Any props used in this video that show resemblance to _____ (some/many/any) illegal materials are merely props and should not be taken seriously. Do not try this at home.

- (v) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence taken from an article about law. 1

A literary composition possess its own characteristics and its own standards of merit.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vi) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

Summer is an ideal time to take a hike, especially if you _____ the opportunity to explore one of our country's many state and national parks.

- (a) are having (b) will have
(c) have (d) has

- (vii) Read the dialogue between Amit and his sister Ambika regarding his future plan. 1

Ambika : Are you aiming for a State rank?

Amit: Yes, I am. My teachers are guiding me to get my aim fulfilled.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Ambika asked Amit whether he was aiming for a State rank. Amit replied in the affirmative and _____ to get his aim fulfilled.

- (a) told her that the teachers are guiding him
(b) replied that the teachers were guiding him
(c) told her that his teachers were guiding him
(d) replied that his teachers have been guiding him

- (viii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line of a Privacy Policy document. 1

Your email address can only be recorded if you choose to send a message. It will not be used for any other purpose, and will not be disclosed without your consent.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	can	will
(B)	choose	chooses
(C)	purpose	purposes
(D)	for	of

- (ix) Report the following dialogue between a doctor and his patient, by completing the sentence. 1

Doctor: Do you still have any pain in your lower back?

Patient: No, there is no pain in the lower back, but I feel a numbing sensation in my left leg.

The doctor asked the patient if he still had any pain in his lower back. The patient answered in the negative and explained that _____.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the acknowledgement printed in a textbook. 1

Every effort _____ made to trace all the copyright holders.

We apologize for some omissions and will gratefully acknowledge them as soon as they can be traced.

- (a) were (b) are being
(c) have been (d) has been

- (xi) Complete the line from a 'Save Trees' song, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The little tree by the old road fence

Grew in the summer sun.

"I want _____ tall," said the little tree,

"And growing is so much fun."

- (a) to grow (b) to be growing
(c) grown (d) growth

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a mobile phone's use guide. 1

To maintaining the water-resistant and dust-resistant features of your device, make sure that the SIM card tray openings are free of dust and water.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from (a) and (b) given below:
- (a) The household water supply in your locality is muddy and not fit for drinking. Despite several complaint letters to the civic authorities, the problem is still unresolved.

Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to resolve the problem and drawing attention of the concerned authorities.

You are Somil/Soumya of 768, Silver's Apartments, Ajitha Vihar, Karampeeth. 5

OR

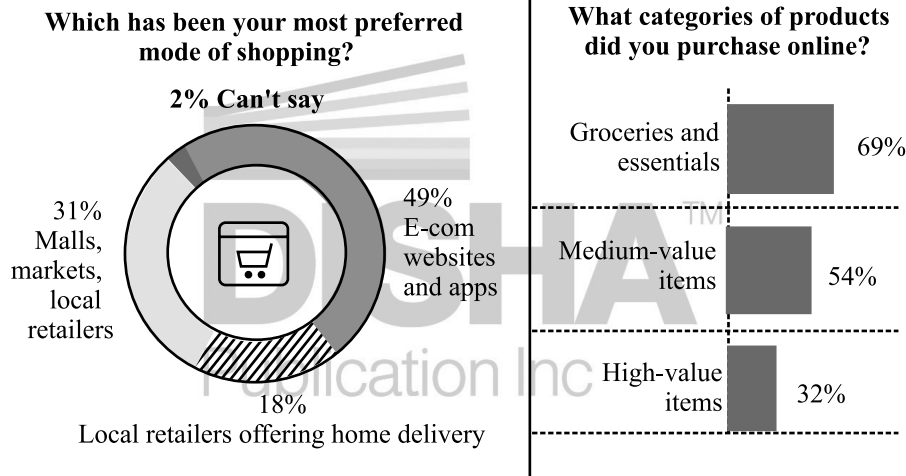
- (b) As Geetanjali/Girish of 83, Star Apartments, Virbagh, you have noticed that a lot of senior citizens in your society are leading lonely lives. Write a letter in about 120 words, to the President of RWA of your society, requesting him to organize more community get-togethers and celebrations to bring cheer to their lonely lives.

5. Attempt ANY ONE from (a) and (b) given below: 5

- (a) E-commerce business for shopping picked up manifold during the pandemic year and consumers have continued to shop online. Given below is a chart that depicts the various trends associated with E-commerce shopping. Analyze this chart and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis.

The proliferation of e-commerce in India

Consumers who took to e-commerce during the pandemic year are continuing to use them, a Local Circles survey shows.



OR

- (b) There are two types of bottles available in the market: glass and plastic. Based on the information given in the chart below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, assessing the pros and cons of using glass and plastic bottles.

Glass vs. Plastic Bottles

Pros and Cons

GLASS BOTTLES

PROS

- Non toxic, no chemicals
- Environmentally friendly
- Easy to clean and sanitize
- Durable, last forever
- Do not absorb odours
- Dishwasher safe

PLASTIC BOTTLES

PROS

- Easy to use, lightweight
- Unbreakable
- Widely available
- Wide variety of options
- More affordable

CONS

- Heavy
- More expensive
- Breakable
- Fewer options

CONS

- More chemicals
- Shorter life span
- Harder to clean
- Cannot completely sanitize
- Can absorb odours

SECTION C: Literature

(40 Marks)

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two, (a) or (b): 5

- (a) We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

(Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)

- (i) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context: 1
"We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation."
- (ii) State True or False: 1
When Mandela says, "God' bless Africa", he intends to mean well-being and welfare of only black people in South Africa.
- (iii) "Nelson Mandela's speech is full of optimism." Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'so glorious', in the given sentence from the extract.
"The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement."

OR

- (b) The expected call came within a few days. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation. (A Triumph of Surgery)

- (i) Which of the following is **not** a reason why Mr. Herriot thinks Tricki needs to be taken out of the house for a period? 1
(a) He wanted to keep Tricki away from Mrs. Pumphrey.
(b) He wanted to keep Tricki under observation.
(c) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.
(d) He wanted to improve Tricki's health.
- (ii) What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) State True or False:
When Mr. Herriot says, "I had made my plans in advance"- what he actually means is, he had already seen this trauma coming for Tricki.
- (iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey? 1
(a) unkind and inconsiderate

- (b) impractical but compassionate
(c) anxious and ambitious
(d) fearful but confident

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two, (a) or (b):

- (a) In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days, how to stand up.

(The Ball Poem)

- (i) Fill in the blank with one word. 1
When the speaker says "People will take balls, Balls be lost always, little boy", his tone is _____.
- (ii) The poet says that money is external. What inference can be drawn from this statement?
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards material possessions? 1
(a) indifferent (b) emotional
(c) casual (d) respectful
- (iv) Identify the poetic device used in "And no one buys a ball back". 1

OR

- (b) Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!
Remember your acne, Amanda!
Will you please look at me when I'm speaking too you ,
Amanda!
(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;) (Amanda)
- (i) What is the central idea of the poem as reflected in the lines above? 2
Answer in about 40 words.
- (ii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1
"Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!" tells us that the mother's attitude is _____.
(a) loving (b) relaxed
(c) authoritative (d) thoughtful

- (iii) Identify any one poetic device used in the above extract. 1
- (iv) For what reason does Amanda imagine herself to be Rapunzel? 1
8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following five questions in 40-50 words each: 4×3=12
- (i) Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment. (Mijbil the Otter)
- (ii) 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humour and entertainment in the poem?
- (iii) Justify the title of the play 'The Proposal' with reference to the characters and plot.
- (iv) "Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers."
Elaborate with reference to the chapter "Glimpses of India".
- (v) "The Trees" is a symbolic poem and Adrienne Rich has used trees as a metaphor for human beings. What do they symbolize? Explain.
9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions in 40-50 words each: 2×3=6
- (i) One should never judge a book by its cover. Explain with reference to Ausable and how he outwits Max with his presence of mind. (The Midnight Visitor)
- (ii) "Horace Danby is a thief who was cheated by another thief." Justify. (A Question of Trust)
- (iii) How can one say that Ebright's curiosity/inquisitiveness drove him to become a scientist?
(The Making of a Scientist)
10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in 100-120 words: 6
- (a) You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of both, the Baby Seagull and the Pilot who was lost in the clouds, towards achieving their dreams of conquering the skies.
Write this presentation draft including your insights, comparing the approaches of both.
You may begin this way: One acknowledges that both, the Seagull and the Pilot, wanted to however, (Reference : Two Stories About Flying)
- OR**
- (b) You have been chosen to address the school assembly, to speak on the epistemology of loss and the resilience of the human spirit during times of crisis. Prepare the speech draft, with reference to the commonality of themes in 'The Ball Poem' by John Berryman and from 'The Diary of Anne Frank'.
You may begin this way:
Good morning everyone.
Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how to deal with loss and the resilience of the human spirit required during times of crisis.
You may end this way :
To conclude, I'd like to say that Thank you.
11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in 100-120 words: 6
- (a) Imagine that. Bholi writes a diary entry, exploring the themes of 'Girl Child' and 'Impact of Education', in the context of her own experiences.
Write this diary entry, as Bholi.
- OR**
- (b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.
In light of the above information, trace the character arc of Griffin in H.G. Wells' 'Footprints without Feet'.

Solutions

SECTION - A

1. (i) Through the given statements, it is stated that all three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome. It is given in the first paragraph: The first is a category of health-promoting microbes. The latter two groups are types of beneficial molecules. But all three biotics are critical for supporting the community of microscopic organisms that live in the gastrointestinal tracts, known as the gut microbiome.
 - (ii) Health benefits of all the 'biotics' extend beyond the digestive tract. From the second paragraph, it can be stated that 'a growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics and postbiotics with improvements in metabolic diseases, including obesity and cholesterol abnormalities, depressive symptoms and poor sleep quality.'
 - (iii) To get the right probiotic and to match it with your body's requirement, it is important to see the label for '**containing live and active cultures**'.
 - (iv) Options (a) and (d) are two sets of antonyms: increase/decrease and feast/fermented. Increase means to become or make something larger in number or amount, whereas decrease means to make something lesser or smaller in number. Feast is a large, special meal for many people to celebrate something, while fermented refers to making something go through a chemical change because of the action of yeast or bacteria, which may cause it to produce bubbles or heat.
 - (v) The author wants to stress the fact that there is not just one type of beneficial bacteria considered as probiotic, in fact, some probiotics **have diverse strains and species with varying beneficial effects**.
 - (vi) Prebiotics are food sources that are beneficial microbes for probiotics. They are a form of carbohydrate or fiber for which humans do not have enzymes to digest. They then move to the intestine through the digestive tract wherein beneficial bacteria can feast on them.
 - (vii) As a consumer, if one wants to pick a probiotic product, the most important thing to keep in mind is to check the label which clearly says that 'probiotics' is sufficient. Therefore, option (d) is the best answer.
 - (viii) Option (a) is the correct answer. The 'biotics' present in certain foods or those that are an outcome of their metabolism, their health benefits go beyond the digestive tract. A growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics and postbiotics to the improvement in metabolic diseases.
2. (i) We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because they are now preferring to travel within their countries instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad.
 - (ii) The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a fact because it is an objective detail.
 - (iii) Due to the pandemic, travel had reduced. Since Indians believed that international travel is a means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures, they are now excited to travel internationally.
 - (iv) For the purpose of education, Indian foreign travel increases in 2022 as compared to 2019.
 - (v) The tourism industry has been benefitting from new trends that have emerged due to the pandemic.
 - (vi) In 2019, about 89.5 lakh people undertook foreign travel for the purpose of residency while in 2022, it was about 72.5 lakh.
 - (vii) Students are choosing to go abroad to study since they had been waiting for the pandemic to end while the aspirations and affordability of the middle-class students from Tier II and III cities had begun growing.
 - (viii) Option (a) is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage, i.e., International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
3. (i) approved
I am writing this letter to officially inform you that the management has approved the request submitted by you for a business trip to Germany.

SECTION - B



Note

BOT Formula for singular verb

B – Body

O – One

T – Thing

Words used: everybody, nobody, anything, anyone, everything

E.g.- Everybody is invited to the play at the National Science Centre for an exhibition.

Body (everybody) + is (singular verb)

(ii)

Error	Correction
Make	Makes

The improved sentence will be- "Isn't it great when you find one of those books that completely pulls you in and makes you fall in love with the characters?" Since only a single entity is being referred to in this sentence, make will becomes 'makes' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

(iii) Tanmay questioned Sonia about her plans of her summer vacations.

(iv) "Any props used in this video that show resemblance to any illegal materials are merely props and should not be taken seriously. Do not try this at home."

(v) The improved sentence will be- "A literary composition possesses its own characteristics and its own standards of merit." Since the word, 'composition' comprises of a number of elements, yet it is mentioned as singular in nature.

Error	Correction
Possess	Possesses

(vi) Option (c) is the right answer. "Summer is an ideal time to take a hike, especially if you have the opportunity to explore one of our country's many state and national parks."

(vii) Option (c) is the correct option. The complete sentence will be, "Ambika asked Amit whether he was aiming for a State rank. Amit replied in the affirmative and told her that his teachers were guiding him."

(viii)

Error	Correction
Can	Will

The improved sentence will be- "Your email address will only be recorded if you choose to send a message. It will not be used for any other purpose, and will not be disclosed without your consent."

(ix) The doctor asked the patient if he still had any pain in his lower back. The patient answered in the negative and explained that he felt a numbing sensation in his left leg.

(x) Every effort **has been** made to trace all the copyright holders. We apologize for some omissions and will gratefully acknowledge them as soon as they can be traced.

(xi) Option (a) is the correct answer. The sentence will complete as: "I want **to grow** tall," said the little tree...

(xii)

Error	Correction
Maintaining	Maintain

The improved sentence will be- "To **maintain** the water-resistant and dust-resistant features of your device, make sure that the SIM card tray openings are free of dust and water."

4.

(a)
Soumya Kumar
768, Silver Apartments
Ajitha Vihar, Karampeeth
20th March, 2024

Mr. Sandeep Nayak
The Indian Express
23, Statesman Building,
Karampeeth

Subject: Urgent need to address the supply of muddy water for drinking

Dear Editor,

I am writing to bring to your attention the supply of muddy water for drinking. It is disheartening to witness the residents of our locality being subjected to insanitary conditions. The presence of muddy water not only poses serious health risks but also undermines the basic human right to clean and safe drinking water. It is important that immediate action be taken to resolve this issue through the following measures:

- **Water Quality Testing:** to identify the source of contamination.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** to upgrade and maintain the water treatment system.
- **Accountability:** hold parties accountable for any negligence towards contributing to the contamination.

It is essential that our local government, water authorities, and community leaders work towards prioritizing the safety of our residents by addressing the issue.

Yours sincerely,
Soumya Kumar

OR

(b)

Geetanjali Sinha
83, Star Apartments
Virbagh

23rd March, 2024

Mr. Vivek Chaudhury
Star Apartments RWA
Vivekanand Marg
Virbagh

Subject: Request for organizing celebrations for senior citizens

Dear Mr. Chaudhury,

I am writing on behalf of the senior citizens of my society to express a concern. As we are aware, loneliness and social isolation among the elderly have become increasingly prevalent issues, due to changing family structures and fast-paced modern life. Many of our senior citizens, despite being surrounded by neighbours, often feel isolated and disconnected during celebrations and festivities.

I would like to propose the idea of organizing celebrations specifically for senior citizens. This could provide them with an opportunity to socialize and feel a sense of belonging within the community. By fostering a supportive environment, we can help remove feelings of loneliness and enhance their well-being.

I kindly request the RWA to consider initiating efforts to organize such celebrations for our senior citizens. These initiatives can serve as meaningful opportunities for our elderly to connect with one another and forge lasting friendships.

Warm regards,
Geetanjali Sinha

Resident, Star Apartments

5. (a) E-commerce has revolutionized the shopping experience by offering convenience, accessibility, and a vast range of products at consumers' fingertips, especially during the pandemic. With the proliferation of online marketplaces and advancements in technology, traditional barriers to shopping, such as geographical limitations and operating hours, have been virtually eliminated. As per a survey by *Local Circles*, it was observed that a vast majority of the respondents (49%) preferred e-com websites and shopping applications to make their purchases, while 31% enjoyed visiting malls, markets and local retailers. The categories of products that were purchased included groceries

and essentials (69%), medium value items (54%) and high value items (32%). It has been seen that e-commerce shopping has been the easiest and most relaxing method that people are choosing over the conventional methods in the present-day world.

**Note**

Introduction – write in 2-3 lines

- The above table suggests
- The chart given above describes
- The data given provides information about ...

Body – write in 5-6 lines

- It is clearly evident from the above graph/from the above chart ...

Conclusion – write in 2-3 lines

- In a nutshell / Overall / To conclude

OR

- (b) Among the two types of bottles available in the market, glass bottles are a more sustainable option than plastic bottles. Since they are made of non-toxic materials, they turn out to be environment-friendly, easy to maintain, durable and survive for a long time. On the other hand, though it is easy to handle plastic bottles, without the worry of breakage, they are difficult to maintain as they wear off very quickly and cannot be cleaned completely like glass bottles. The production of glass bottles is quite expensive and tend to break easily, plastic bottles tend to absorb odours, yet remain affordable with a wide variety of options.

SECTION - C

6. (a) (i) This statement means that the black people of South Africa had eventually won their freedom from oppressive laws like apartheid. Therefore, their political rights and opportunities were now the same as the white people.
- (ii) The statement is true. From this statement he means that the people of Africa will now never have to face any kind of oppression.
- (iii) Nelson Mandela, in his speech, talks about how Africa emerged victorious towards achieving peace, justice and human dignity. There was political emancipation wherein people were liberated from the bondages of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and discrimination. He even promised that the beautiful land of Africa will never face any kind of oppression and will always remain free.
- (iv) The phrase, 'so glorious' can be substituted by the word, 'magnificent' since the achievement is quite commendable.

OR

- (b) (i) Option (c) is the correct option. There is no mention of any kind of experiment to be performed on Tricki.
- (ii) The main reason why Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught was because Tricki refused to eat nothing, even his favourite dishes. Rather, he was vomiting. He lay on the rug, panting all the time. He did not feel like doing anything, and did not even go for his walks.
- (iii) The statement is true. Mr. Herriot had received a call from Mrs. Pumphrey regarding Tricki's health. He was aware of what may come in the days ahead.
- (iv) Option (b) is the right answer. Mrs. Pumphrey was impractical yet very compassionate and caring. She, along with her staff, arranged every comfort possible for Tricki, including his bed and some toys.
7. (a) (i) The tone of the poet through these lines is introspective.
- (ii) In the poem, when the poet says, 'money is external', he means that money can only buy all worldly or materialistic things. That money cannot buy emotions, attachment, love, childhood, etc. Once these things are lost, they are lost forever and never come back.
- (iii) Material possessions can be bought again when lost, but feelings and emotions attached to those possessions can only become memories. Option (a) is the best emotion that describes the speaker's attitude towards material possessions.
- (iv) The literary device used in the statement is alliteration.
- OR
- (b) (i) The central idea of the poem as reflected in the given lines is the upbringing of a child. When Amanda's mother warns her of not eating the chocolate, reminding her of her acne, she expected her to look up to her and listen to her instructions. But Amanda escapes into her imaginary world, ignoring what her mother was saying.
- (ii) Option (c) is the correct answer. The mother's attitude is authoritative.
- (iii) The poetic device used in the extract is alliteration.
- (iv) Amanda imagines herself to be Rapunzel as she wishes to live alone in a tower as Rapunzel so as not to care about anything.
8. (i) When the British airline refused to fly the animal, Maxwell booked a flight to Paris with another airline. He carried Mijbil on his knee. The lesson conveys the fact that when one decides to keep a pet, it is a lifetime commitment. This is so because we are responsible for the well-being of that life. In fact, keeping a pet at home is like bringing up and nurturing a child.
- (ii) In the poem, 'The tale of Custard the Dragon', Ogden Nash uses literary devices such as simile, repetition, onomatopoeia, poetic license, and alliteration to enhance the humour and rhythm of the poem. The poet deliberately misspelt certain words such as 'winda' and 'realio trulio'. The description of different animals in the poem are also humorous.
- (iii) The title of the play is 'The proposal' and it is a very apt one because the whole play is about Lomov proposing Natalya. Right from the beginning to the end of the play, the story revolves round a marriage proposal. Lomov comes to Natalya's house to propose to her but even before he does it, they both start fighting.
- (iv) Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a license.
- (v) If trees have been used as a metaphor for human beings, then the poem would mean that like the trees, humans too want to break free of the boundaries that life puts on them. Modern life with all kinds of physical comfort has also brought a lot of moral downfall.
9. (i) Ausable outwitted Max by making him believe that there was a balcony in his room by telling him that once a robber had entered the room on the floor below as it was easy to jump from the next building. So it was easy for any robber to steal his documents because of the connection of his balcony and the other building. He thought that someone might steal his secret file which was going to come on that day so he called the police. When the bell rang, Ausable told Max that it must be the police and out of fear, he jumped out of the window. Ausable had just made up a story of the balcony and the police at the door but in real there was no balcony and he had asked the waiter to get water.
- (ii) Horace Danby failed to execute his robbery properly even though he had information about the house. But he did not have information about its real occupants. Although he exhibited smartness in knowing the dog's actual name, when the young lady caught him red-handed while trying to break the lock of the safe, he was frightened and could not understand that the woman tricked him into believing her. When the lady assured him that she would let him free without informing the police, yet he opened the safe without wearing gloves, leaving his fingerprints all over the place.

(iii) Ebright had a driving curiosity with a bright mind. From kindergarten, he began collecting butterflies, rocks, fossils and coins. He was interested in astronomy and would sometimes stargaze all night. His curiosity was so profound that his mother brought him equipment for his tests and studies. On reading 'The Travels of Monarch X', his interest in monarch butterflies was aroused and opened a new world of science to him. This was a crucial turning point in his life that later led him to being a wonderful scientist.

10. (a) One acknowledges that both, the Seagull and the Pilot wanted to achieve their dreams of conquering the skies. In the story 'His First Flight', the seagull who appeared quite hungry, wanted to immediately get the fish from his mother's beak. As he dived closer, he fell outwards and downwards into space. When he fell into space, he felt a monstrous terror. It was then that his wings spread outwards. He could feel the tips of his wings cut through the air. Without falling, he was slowly soaring downwards. He then flapped his wings and soared upwards. While, in the story, 'Black Aeroplane', the pilot flew the airplane back to England as he was journeying the skies. When he called the Paris Control, the voice over the radio asked him to turn a few degrees to the west. Knowing that the aircraft did not have enough fuel to fly to the north or south, the pilot flew the airplane straight through the storm. While in the storm, his radio died, the compass stopped working. He then saw another plane, though it did not have any lights, its pilot asked him to follow. Realizing that he was being helped, he followed his plane through the stormy clouds and was able to see two straight lines of light. After landing, when he went to enquire about the other plane, he was surprised to know that there wasn't anyone except for him in the sky. He wondered who was guiding him in order to land safely.

OR

- (b) Good morning everyone.
Today, I would like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how to deal with loss and the resilience of the human spirit required during times of crisis. In the Diary of Anne Frank, Anne is a thirteen-year old girl who has just stepped into adolescence. Therefore, her mood swings and

rebellion towards people keeps growing. She often feels lonely, yet experiences feelings of infatuation. She gets her first period and then realizes she is becoming a mature young woman. With maturity, she struggles to form an identity. On the other hand, in 'The Ball Poem', it talks about how a child attached to his ball loses it in the course of time. Though physical objects can be replaced, but emotions of innocence attached to them can never be overcome. Through this poem, the little boy discovers what it is like to feel sad after losing a prized object that is his ball. In both stories, the protagonists go through a rollercoaster of emotions attached to loss and transition from one stage of life to another.

11. (a) Dear Diary,

Today I was almost going to be a victim of child marriage. But I am thankful to my parents for sending me to school, where I gained insights about societal issues. Had they not sent me to school, I wouldn't have been strong enough to fend for myself at my wedding. Being a girl, I feel that we have been labelled to be homely creatures, spending all day tending to household chores, looking after our husbands if married or taking care of children and the elderly. If we are sent to school, we can learn a lot about how the society functions, about our rights as females and contribute to our family's well-being. We can become financially independent, stand against societal practices and support our parents in their old age. I hope that every girl gets an opportunity to go to school, becomes self-reliant and stands up for her rights in the society.

OR

- (b) Griffin, from the story, 'Footprints without Feet' was a genius scientist who invented invisibility drugs. He was a very selfish and careless man who never cared for others. Despite the fact that he is the protagonist of the novel, his actions are similar to those of an antagonist. Griffin is an out-of-the-ordinary and eccentric scientist. He invented a method of being invisible, then began looting and killing everyone who got in his way. He was gifted, but he used his intellect for evil purposes. He invents a formula to bend light and reduce the refractive index of physical objects, rendering them invisible, when working alone in his apartment.