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## (Section-A Reading)

### 1. Read the Passage carefully

I. India is the world's largest milk producer, thanks to operation Flood, an innovative scheme to increase milk production undertaken by the National Dairy Development Board. We now produce 13.1% (74 million tonnes) of world milk output, which is valued at Rs. 70,000 crore. The USA comes second with 13% followed by Russia, Germany, France and Brazil. But the India Dairy industry is likely to face problems because of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement, which has opened up trade in dairy products. Imported dairy products are now flooding the Indian market, affecting local producers.

II. These imported products have prices that are lower than those of Indian products because they received subsidies in their own countries and enter India at zero duty (according to the WTO agreement). This gives imported dairy products an unfair advantage over the local products. The cost of milk production in India is the lowest in the world, with New Zealand coming second. These are also the only 2 countries, which do not subsidise milk production. In order to meet the challenge that they are being faced with, Indian dairy companies are now concentrating on improving the quality of products. They are trying for the stamp of quality, like ISO certification and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point certification, both of which are recognised internationally.

III. In the last 2 decades, the industry has been producing and marketing butter, ghee, cheese and skimmed milk, and now it is preparing to move into fermented products like dahi, sweet, yoghurt, acidophilus health drinks, and calcium-rich and low-fat milks. The industry is also trying to develop and tap demand for traditional Indian milk sweets like rasagullas, pedas and even ready-to-eat payasam. The market for all this is estimated to be to the tune of Rs 100 billion, but the organised sector in the country accounts for production of only 10% of it. The rest is either imported or manufactured in the unorganised sector. Milk products also have good export potential. Luckily, lack of trained manpower is unlikely to be a problem as far as increasing production and exports is concerned, thanks to the National Dairy Research Institute's diploma, graduate and postgraduate programmes.

a) Complete the following sentences with suitable information from the passage with one or two words only:- [8x1=8]

i. India's milk \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest in the world due to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ schemes undertaken by NDDB.

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ii. Besides India \_\_\_\_\_ is the only country which does not \_\_\_\_\_ milk products.

iii. As per the WTO agreement \_\_\_\_\_ dairy products are making way into the Indian market, posing \_\_\_\_\_ to the local producers because these products are \_\_\_\_\_ than the Indian products.

b) Write any two steps taken by the Indian dairy companies to meet the challenge. [2]

c) Find words from the passage which means the same- [1X2=2]

i. Featuring new methods, ideas (para 1)

ii. Support financially (para 2)

2. Read the passage carefully.

Using car phones while driving, can be far more dangerous than driving under the influence of liquor, says a recent study.

In fact, the study has shattered prevailing notions that drinking is the chief cause of majority of road mishaps. Researchers, who carried out this study, found that talking on cellular phones increased the risk to one's life compared to driving after being drunk. The findings of the study are based on survey of several causes of roadways accidents in North America. In fact, a perusal of the telephone records of the drivers involved in 699 such mishaps showed that the risk of accident for those who spoke on phone while driving, was at least four times higher compared to those driving in a state of drunkenness.

Ironically, the only advantage for those driving with cellular phones was that they could summon immediate help through these phones. The study with its far reaching implications for the entire world is relevant for India as well, where the cast advancements in the telecommunication technology in recent years have led to cellular phones emerging as an often used mode of communication and business transactions.

1) Read the given questions and mark the option you consider the most appropriate. (1X4=4)

a) Which is more dangerous?

i. Using car phones while driving.

ii. Drinking while driving.

iii. Using car phones and drinking while driving.

iv. Using car phones while driving than drunken driving.

b) Which word in the passage stands for 'accident' ?

i. Precarious

ii. Mishap

iii. Perusal

iv. (i) and (ii)

c) The advantage of using cellular phones are used:

i. Being in touch with friends.

ii. Call for immediate help.

iii. Nothing.

iv. Both (i) and (ii)

d) In India, cellular phones are used:

i. As a means of communication and business transaction.

ii. More while driving.

iii. As great progress requires more use of phones.

iv. As a common mode of communication and business transaction.

- 2) Answer in a sentence. [1X2=2]
- a) What is the chief cause of a majority of road mishaps ?
- b) What has stimulated the emergence of cellular phones as a mode of communication and transactions ?
- 3) Mark the following statements as true or false: [1X2=2]
- a) The above study is based on a survey conducted in India.
- b) The use of car phones is four times more responsible for accidents than drunken driving.

(Section-B Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary)

3. You are Sakshi. Your brother, Saksham's friend Tejas called up to say that the next day's plan for a movie has been cancelled as he has developed viral fever. You are going for your tuitions. He wanted you to call him. So you decide to leave message for your brother. Write the message in about 50 words and put it in a box. [4]
4. Write a paragraph on 'The advice that changed my life'. (Word limit 80-100) [5]
5. Write a newspaper report on National Book Fair that was organised by Scholastic India in your city recently. Develop your report based on the following inputs. (Word limit 100-120) [6]
- organisers
  - dates and venue
  - inauguration
  - displays-national and international books
  - response of public.
6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs [½X4=2]
- Pollution (a)\_\_\_\_\_ (mean) the destroying of environment. It (b)\_\_\_\_\_ (lead) to the degeneration of soil, air and water. Soil, air and water (c)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) degraded by waste, smoke and chemicals. In metro cities this problem (d)\_\_\_\_\_ (have) become very serious.
7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct words. [½X4=2]
- |  | Incorrect | Correct |
|--|-----------|---------|
| In olden days there lives in Varanasi, a king of crows.          | .....     | .....   |
| It has loved its queen with all its heart.                       | .....     | .....   |
| One day they both flow above the palace of the king of Varanasi. | .....     | .....   |
| The king eats food.  | .....     | .....   |
8. Fill up the blanks with correct modals. [½X4=2]
- While playing squash, I suffered a slipped disc. I thought, I (a)\_\_\_\_\_ never be able to play squash again. But one day, I was watching an interview of SudhaChandran which made me think if she (b)\_\_\_\_\_ dance again with artificial legs, I (c)\_\_\_\_\_ also play squash again. I (d)\_\_\_\_\_ not give up hope.
9. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences [2]
- a) the leisure hours / of a child / of the TV / today / are spent / in front.
- b) services will / tourism in / air taxi / the state / boost

10. Find out the subordinate clauses in the following sentences and write whether they are noun, adjective or adverb clause. [2X1=2]  
 a) We will support the candidate whose personal life is free from blemish.  
 b) In spite of repeated assurance by the chairman, nothing positive was done.
11. Change them into indirect speech. [1x2=2]  
 a) You said to me, "I did not sleep last night and I cannot work now".  
 b) The guard said to the visitor, "Do not take photographs inside the church".
12. Vocabulary [1X3=3]  
 a) Perish (give the synonym)  
 b) Repel (give the antonym)  
 c) Alter (give the homophone)

**(Section-C Literature)**

13. Read the following stanza and answer the questions. [1x4=4]  
 Draws and dips her body to heap  
 Her sleepy nerves in the great arm-chair  
 Lies defeated and buried deep  
 Three or four hours unconscious there.  
 a) Whom does 'her' refer to ?  
 b) What made her unconscious for three to four hours?  
 c) Which poetic device has been used in these lines?  
 d) Who is the poet of these lines?
14. Answer these questions.(30 to 40 words) [3X4=12]  
 a) What image does the author use to convey 'her lack of direction' before the arrival of Anne? What image does she use to describe her world after Anne's arrival?  
 b) What kind of reception did Scrooge get in Fred's home?  
 c) How does the author describe the saucer of milk that is given to the cat?  
 d) What is human being compared to in the poem 'The guest house' and why?
15. Explain the following sentence with the reference to the text 'A bond for life'. [3]  
 (Word limit 40-50)  
 "Anger and bitterness had preyed upon me continually for weeks and a deep languor has succeeded this passionate struggle.
16. A Christmas Carol persists family life as the most normal and healthiest experience that all human should aspire to. What ingredients are required to keep a family happy and together. (60 to 80 words) [4]
17. Answer the questions in 30 to 40 words. [3+3=6]  
 a) What were the punishments decided for Gulliver by the council in Lilliput ?  
 b) Who was the emperor's principal secretary? What did he speak about the political condition of Lilliput?
18. Write the meaning of [½+½=1]  
 (a) lithe (b) malice.