

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

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ENGLISH

Time: 3 hours]

[Max. Marks: 80

- Note:** (i) This question paper is divided into **three sections-A,B and C.**
(ii) **All** questions are **compulsory**. Marks are indicated against each question.
(iii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
(iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-
 - A. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.
 - B. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact only 60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.
 - C. The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have

been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

- D. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.
- E. The cycle of time does not remain the same. Whereas the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn. The fortune of Mewar — the land of the brave — started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for sometime.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- a) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects? 2
- b) What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar? 2
- c) Who is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage? 1
- d) Who drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame? 1
- e) Mewar was lucky because- 1
- i. all of its rulers were competent.
 - ii. most of its rulers were competent.
 - iii. Most of its people were competent.
 - iv. Only few of its people were competent.
- f) What were some accomplishments during the reign of Rana Kumbha? 1
- i. Military conquests and territorial expansion.
 - ii. Advancements in art and literature.
 - iii. Establishment of diplomatic relations with Delhi.
 - iv. Introduction of new taxation policies.
- g) What is the main theme of the passage? 1

- i. The decline of Mewar as a kingdom.
- ii. The art and literature of Mewar.
- iii. The legacy of competent rulers in Mewar.
- iv. The rivalry between Rana Sanga and Maharana Pratap.

h) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book.

1x3=3

- i. Find the word from Para A, which means 'courageous behaviour, especially in war'.
1. Grandeur 2. Gallantry 3. Patriotism 4. Greatness
- ii. Find the word from Para B, which is opposite of 'Nadir'.
1. Pinnacle 2. Destiny 3. Competent 4. Reverence
- iii. According to the passage what is the meaning of 'acumen'?
1. An extraordinary ability to win a war without much effort.
2. Learn how to overcome challenges.
3. Learn how to make a big architecture.
4. The ability to make good judgement and take quick decisions.

2. Read the following passage.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier.

Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to the law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoted to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust- qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over 1000 years; trust, judgement, and diligence are the pillars of this profession. The most important pillar is the

relationship of trust between a lawyer and clients, which can only be achieved through human connection and interaction.

While artificial intelligence can be useful in scanning and organizing documents pertaining to a case, it cannot perform higher-level tasks such as sharp decision making, relationship-building with valuable clients and writing legal briefs, advising clients, and appearing in court. These are over and above the realm of computerization.

The smooth proceeding of a case is not possible without sound legal research. While presenting cases lawyers need to assimilate information in the form of legal research by referring to a number of relevant cases to find those that will favour their client's motion. Lawyers are even required to thoroughly know the opposing stand and supporting legal arguments they can expect to prepare a watertight defence strategy. AI, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents.

AI utilizes big-data analytics which enables visualization of case data. It also allows for creation of a map of the cases which were cited in previous cases and their resulting verdicts, as per the website Towards Data Science. The probability of a positive outcome of a case can be predicted by leveraging predictive analytics with machine learning. This is advantageous to firms as they can determine the return on investment in litigation and whether an agreement or arbitration should be considered.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Give the passage a suitable title. 5
- b) Write a summary of the notes prepared, in not more than 60 words. 3

Section B (Advanced Writing Skills)

3. You want to sell your house 15, Virat Nagar, Haldwani, Nainital. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words, giving necessary details, to be published in the classified columns of 'The Times of India', Nainital. You are Sonal/Sumit. 4

OR

Tourism Department, Government of Uttarakhand has launched an ambitious plan to develop adventure sports and eco tourism activities in the state. Prepare a suitable poster for display at important public places /publication in newspapers in not more than 60 words.

4. You have visited 'Pragati Maiden Book Fair, Delhi'. Write a report in 100-125 words on the fair. You are Manish/Manisha of GIC Ramnagar. 6

OR

You as a volunteer participated on 'Planting a Sapling' campaign at your school. Write the factual description about 'Planting a Sapling' in about 150 words.

5. Injuries and death taking place due to underage driving are being reported almost every day. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper to highlight this issue. You are Ram/Rama, P-32, Royal Enclave Apartments, Ramnagar, Nainital. 8

OR

You have lost your original marksheet. You want to apply for duplicate marksheet but you don't know the procedure. Write a letter to the Secretary, UBSE, Ramnagar enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board for issuing duplicate marksheet. You are Tina/Tarun of GIC Bageshwar.

6. Write an article in 150-200 words on how we can make India a carefree and enjoyable place for women where they can go wherever they like without any fear of being stared at, molested or discriminated against. You are Chetan/Chetna of GIC Kanda. 6

OR

Write a speech in about 150-200 words on the topic 'Emerging India'. You are Namita/Nandan of GIC Uttarkashi.

Section C (Literature)

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow- 1x3=3

Driving from my parent's
home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she

looked but soon
put that thought away.

a) Where was the poet coming from?

- I. Her friend's home
- II. Her parent's home
- III. Her relative's home
- IV. None of the Above.

b) What does 'ashen face' signify?

- I. poet's fear
- II. face without makeup
- III. old age
- IV. deformity in face

c) What did the poet realise with the pain?

OR

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid

a) Who is the poet of this poem?

- I. Adrienne Rich
- II. Robert Frost
- III. Kamala Das
- IV. Stephan Spender

b) What are the ordeals Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by?

- I. Life without animals
- II. Fear of losing husband
- III. Heavy responsibilities of married life
- IV. Pressure of maintaining married life

c) What is the purpose of creating animals which are completely a contrast to aunt's Jennifer character?

8. Answer any **three** of the following questions in 30-40 words each

- a) What does the title of the poem 'Keeping Quiet' suggest you?
- b) Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us?
- c) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?
- d) What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2x4=8

- a) What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school that day?
- b) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?
- c) Why is the Englishman's visit referred to as unexplained mystery?
- d) What was distinctive about Eco's academic writing style?

10. Answer the following question in 125-150 words.

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Franz thinks, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" What could this mean?

OR

How do we know that ordinary people too contributed to the freedom movement?

11. Answer the following question in 125-150 words.

While hatred against a member of the enemy race is justifiable, especially during wartime, what makes a human being rise above narrow prejudices?

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OR

What was the prophecy about hundredth tiger? How maharaja prepared himself for the hundredth tiger which was supposed to decide his fate?

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2x4=8

- a) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?
- b) How did a visit to Antarctica help the writer to understand the earth's present, past and future?
- c) What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself?
- d) What advice did Annan offer Bama?