SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

1. The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around A.D. 1268 by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka—one of the most prolific temple-builders. Belur and Helebid are among their better-known works. While these suffered during the invasions of the 14th century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition.

2. This small temple captivates with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars, and even ceilings. It has three shikharas and stands on a star-shaped, raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings: the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone. There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of god and goddesses, with many incarnations being depicted.

3. There were nymphs too, some carrying an ear of maize (a symbol of plenty and prosperity). The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasalas sculptures, was a remarkable feature. On closer look—and it is worth it—the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, stylised flowers, warriors, musicians, crocodiles, and swans.

4. The temple was actually commissioned by Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath (he named the village after himself), the minister of Hoyasala king, Narasimha the Third. The temple was built to house three versions of Krishna. The inner center of the temple was the kalyana mandapa. Leading from here were three corridors, each ending in a shrine, one for each kind of Krishna-Venugopala, Janardana and Prasanna Keshava, though only two remain in their original form. In the darkness of the sanctum sanctorum, I tried to discern the different images. The temple’s sculptural perfection is amazing and it includes the doors of the temple and the three elegantly carved towers.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following question.

(a) The Somnath temple was built to house the three.  
(i) prolific temple builders  
(ii) symbols of prosperity  
(iii) versions of Krishna  
(iv) Hoyasalas of Karnataka

(b) The outer walls of the temple have a profusion of detailed:
(i) carvings  
(ii) captivates  
(iii) invasions  
(iv) shikharas

(c) The temple stands on a star-shaped platform having 24 edges and _____
(i) god and goddesses  
(ii) nymphs
The beauty of the temple lies its detailed carvings on the:
(i) outer walls   (ii) ceiling
(iii) pillars   (iv) all of these

The temple stands on a:
(i) star-shaped platform   (ii) moon-shaded platform
(iii) V-shaped platform   (iv) U-shaped platform

The series of friezes on the outer walls displayed:
(i) caprisoned elephants   (ii) charging horseman
(iii) warriors   (iv) all of these

Each corridor leading from Kalyan a mandapa was ending in a ______

The towers of the temple had no attraction at all.  
(True/False)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:  (12 Marks)
1. Good health is the soundness of body, mind and soul. It is that condition in which the body and mind duly discharge their functions. Good health helps everyone to be creative and work for the welfare of the society. He has to be, therefore, free from diseases: or, if he suffers from a disease he needs treatments not only for that particular disease but for the whole body, mind and soul. In other words, a doctor has to have a sound approach to the patients.

2. In these days of specialization, doctors cure a patient only for his immediate disease, treating it in isolation. Such an approach goes against the old aphorism that “prevention is better than cure”. Dr. Hedge provides insight into the overall causes of simple and serious disease and describes the methods of preventing them without having to take medicine but exercising, self-control on food consumption, smoking and intake of alcoholic drinks. He also advocates regular yoga exercise and meditation to keep fit, but at the same time warns against over indulgence.

3. Hedge stresses the importance of laughter because, laughter induces secretion of good catecholamine which is hormone, produced by adrenal glands; they can be both beneficial and harmful. They are harmful when a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs. For a healthy living, “Laughter proves to be great boon,” Hedge says.

4. In these days of hectic life, full of stress, strain and emotions, everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation, according to Hedge, is sound sleep. “Restful sleep at night will recharge our batteries for the following day’s fruitful endeavour,” he says. There is no use of lying on the bed and tossing without sleep. Under those circumstances it is better to read or engage oneself in some light mental activities which are useful. But never seek refuge in alcoholic drinks or pills for inducing sleep, as these are not refreshing for an individual. For a normal human being, eight hours of sleep a day is sufficient to keep him free from stress. More than nine to ten hours of sleep a day would produce increased muscle protein, loss in the body and might even shorten one’s life.

5. Society must be sympathetic to drug addicts, understand their problems and gave up help to them by motivating and keeping them busy. Alcoholic anonymous may help addicts kick their habit of drug abuse and excess drinking. Hedge claims that cigarette smoking causes more premature deaths than all other “Killers” put together—AIDS, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, fire, automobile accidents, homicide and suicide. Ninety per cent of cancer victims are heavy smokers. The author stresses on the right type of diet daily exercise for healthy living. He has also talked of the danger of over-exercising in these days of fitness mania.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(a) According to Hedge, what is the importance of laughter?
(b) What is the best form of relaxation in these days of hectic life? How?
(c) What do you mean by Good Health? How does it help?
(d) Write do’s and don’ts for sleep.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(a) In para 2, the word which means ‘satisfaction’ is _____
   (i) specialization   (ii) isolation
   (iii) meditation   (iv) indulgence

(b) In para 4, the word which means ‘very busy’ is _____.

(c) In para 4, the word opposite in meaning to ‘preventing’ is _____
   (i) following   (ii) tossing
   (iii) inducing   (iv) increased

(d) In para 5, the word opposite in meaning to ‘cruel’ is _____

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. We all know that health is wealth but we seldom remember to apply this truth in our fast paced lives. Write an article in about 100-150 words highlighting the importance of healthy body and healthy mind. (8 Marks)

OR

You are Abhimanyu Sikri, resident of 119, Nilgiri Apartments, Kirti Nagar, Delhi. You purchased a wardrobe made of recycled wood shaving; from M/s Pawan Sales, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager asking for replacement of the product which you purchased 15 days ago. You have found that doors do not shut and the paint is uneven.

Q4. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the help of following hints. (10 Marks)

Hints: A king named Vijendra Singh/people of his Kingdom lived happily/but were lazy/ King hatched a plan/put a stone in the middle of road/nobody moved/surprised afterwards/ felt ashamed.

OR

Complete the story with the help of the following beginning.

Once upon a time there was a lake in which there lived a turtle and two swans.

Q5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1 × 4 = 4)

Cooperatives have (a) _____ reputation for selling unadulterated goods (b) _____ do not emphasise maximum profit. The milk sellers form a cooperative. They organise (c) _____ the milk to be collected at village levels and transported to a plant where (d) _____ can be pasteurised. Amul is another success story of cooperatives.

(a) (i) a   (ii) an
   (iii) the   (iv) it

(b) (i) but   (ii) and
   (iii) or   (iv) so

(c) (i) to   (ii) on
   (iii) for   (iv) of

(d) (i) they   (ii) this
   (iii) there   (iv) it

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (1 × 4 = 4)
In British days, India was knowing like a country of Maharajas, snake charmers and beggars while a first two species is almost extinct, beggars are surviving perhaps on adopting Darwins’s theory of survival.

Q7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)
(a) are machines/to think/robots/that use/a computer brain
(b) are sent/computer brain/in the robot’s parts/messages/from the/to motors
(c) can be/to do/of work/robots/programmed/many kinds
(d) is the/computer science/concerned with/robotics/field/and engineering/creating robots

SECTION C - LITERATURE
(30 MARKS)

Q8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)
My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen. The glass is breaking.
The trees are stumbling forward into the night.
(a) Her head is full:
(i) of whispers (ii) of strange idea
(iii)new ideas (iv) fantastic data
(b) The glass is:
(i) shining (ii) breaking
(iii)reflecting images (iv) cracking
(c) All those whispers will be _____ tomorrow.
(d) The trees are stumbling _____ into the night.

OR

Weeks went by and still Wanda did not answer. Peggy had begun to forget the whole business, and Maddie put herself to sleep at night making speeches about Wanda, defending her from great crowds of girls who were trying to tease her with. “How many dresses have you got?” And before Wanda could press her lips together in a tight line, the way she did before answering, Maddie would cry out. “Stop!” Then everybody would feel ashamed the way she used to feel.
(a) Time went by but Wanda:
(i) wrote a letter (ii) did answer
(iii)didn’t answer (iv) gave a long answer
(b) Peggy began to:
(i) remember Wanda’s business (ii) hate Wanda
(iii)ignore Wanda (iv) forget about Wanda
(c) The crowd of girls used to tease Wanda with questions about her _____
(d) Everybody would feel _____ the way she used to feel.

Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 5 = 10)
(a) Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov when he comes to his house?
(b) How can you say Tricki had an affluent life?
(c) Why did Bishamber’s marriage with Bholi not take place?
(d) How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright’s life?
(e) What did the Buddha say to Kisa Gotami?
(f) How does the tiger feel locked in the concrete cell of the zoo? Why does he ignore the visitors?

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)
Rodrigues describes his childhood and the bakers of Goa. What does he remember so fondly about those bakers?

OR
Describe Chubukov’s reaction when he comes to know about Lomov’s purpose of visit.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words. (8 Marks)
Give a character sketch of Mrs. Forestier in the story.

OR
How many places did the hack driver take to the narrator to search Lutkins? Did they succeed in their search? Explain.