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| NAME: GRADE - X SECTION: | TERM 1 [2023-2024] ENGLISH (Language and Literature) | Max Marks - 80 TIME - 3 Hours DATE:14/09/2023 |
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General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A: READING SKILLS(20 marks)

Read the passage given below. (444 words)

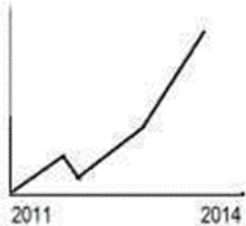
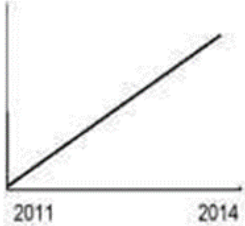
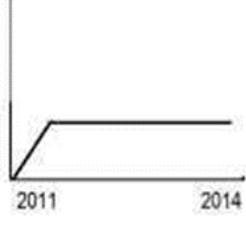
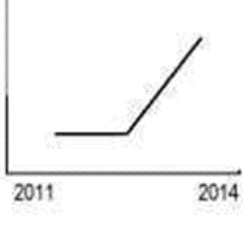
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| i. | <p>1.Mountains have always been held in great awe by mankind. They have been a challenge to humans. Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. You see, the more incredible the mountains, the greater the thrill – a challenge to the bravery of the human race. Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful environment and, when you reach the top, you feel incredible. But you also have to climb down, which is when most accidents happen – people are tired, it gets dark, it’s harder. So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports along with being challenging and risky for the climber.</p> | |
| | <p>2.Without any perceived risk, there can’t be a feeling that any significant challenge has been surmounted. Fair, but we have to bear in mind that mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation. The enthusiasts must develop in themselves the spirit of adventure, willingness to undertake hardships and risks, extraordinary powers of perseverance, endurance, and keenness of purpose before climbing a mountain. They should also know how to handle the mountaineering</p> | |

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| | <p>equipment. Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. This could very well be the lifeline up there. It helps inculcate and hone survival instincts that allow the climber to negotiate perilous situations. There are numerous institutes in India and abroad that offer such training.</p> | |
| | <p>3. Mountain climbers are unanimous in agreeing that the unpredictable weather is what they fear the most. There may be sunshine one moment and a snowstorm the other. At higher altitudes, snow is a regular feature and being decisive about setting up camps or proceeding further is crucial. The icy sheets after ice storms make walking treacherous, while the powdery snow makes a mountaineer sink deep into the snow. Up there, where the intention is to embrace Nature's wonder, one realises that it cannot be done without facing its formidable glory. A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.</p> | |
| | <p>4. Summiting mountains carries its own health risks such as oxygen and altitude sickness problems, frost bites, swelling of hands and feet, fluid collection in brain or lungs and exhaustion. Yet, the gratification mountaineers feel from mastering something that is so frightening, urges them to undertake these endeavours. We may think that the mountaineers are fearless, experts say, "Not at all. It's fear that keeps them so intrigued with such arduous journeys." Impulse and brazenness can be deadly foes. In the words of the Indian mountaineer, Bachendri Pal, "The biggest risk ... is to not to take the risk at all. Remember that."</p> <p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</p> | 1x10 |
| i. | <p>Why does the writer say that mountains inspire 'awe' in humans? (Paragraph 1)</p> <p>A. They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.</p> <p>B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.</p> <p>C. They inspire in us, deeds of valour.</p> <p>D. They represent peace and calm, to us.</p> | 1 mark |
| ii. | <p>Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:</p> | 1 mark |

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| | <p>The <u>more incredible</u> the mountains—the <u>greater</u> the thrill (Paragraph 1)</p> <p>A. The <u>higher</u> the stamina—the <u>lower</u> the food intake</p> <p>B. The <u>more</u> you laugh—the <u>lesser</u> your illness</p> <p>C. The <u>smaller</u> the car—the <u>bigger</u> the advantage</p> <p>D. The <u>heavier</u> the luggage—the <u>higher</u> the penalty</p> | |
| iii. | <p>Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:</p> <p><i>So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports</i></p> <p>(Paragraph 1)</p> <p>A. doubt</p> <p>B. caution</p> <p>C. conviction</p> <p>D. denial</p> | 1 |
| iv. | <p>Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 1.</p> <p>Opinion : Reason : Best experienced rather than described.</p> | 1 |
| v. | <p>The writer compares training to penance in the line --<i>Then comes the penance of the rigorous training.</i> (Paragraph 2)</p> <p>State 1 point of similarity between training and penance.</p> | 1 |
| vi. | <p>Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that “mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation”. (Paragraph 2)</p> <p>1) _____</p> <p>2) _____</p> | 1 |
| vii | <p>What connection does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather</p> | 1 |

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| | and setting up of camps? (Paragraph 3) | |
| viii | <p>The writer says, "A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature." (Paragraph 3)</p> <p>Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the mountains.</p> <p>A. survival B. experience C. tradition D. directive</p> | 1 |
| ix. | <p>Supply 1 point to justify the following: <i>While mountain climbing, an impulsive mountaineer is either disaster-prone or as good as dead</i></p> | 1 |
| x. | <p>Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the feeling of exhilaration on reaching a summit, that the mountain-climbers experience.</p> <p>A. Achievement of a seemingly impossible feat B. Spectacular panoramic view C. Application of the inculcated survival instincts D. Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment</p> | 1 |
| II. | <p>Read the passage given below.(234 words)</p> <p>1.The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are 'money rich and time poor' are increasingly looking for unique experiences --a phenomenon being called the emergence of the 'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.</p> | (1x10) |
| | <p>2.A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign</p> | |

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| | <p>tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.</p> | |
| | <p>3.The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.</p> | |
| i. | <p>Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. The rate of tourism in the North-East of India puzzles tourism officials.</p> | 1 |
| ii. | <p>Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks. <i>From paragraph 1, we can infer that the _____ and _____ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the 'money rich and time poor' tourists.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. distinctiveness 2. conventionality 3. diversity 4. uniformity 5. modernity <p>A. 1 & 3 B. 2 & 4 C. 2 & 5 D. 1 & 4</p> | 1 |
| iii. | <p>Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1: aroma: cooking:: _____: painting (Clue: <i>Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly ___is/ are integral to painting</i>)</p> | 1 |
| iv. | <p>Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:</p> | 1 |

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| | <p>Travellers advocating the 'experience economy' seek a holiday package with _____ (Paragraph 1)</p> <p>A. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.</p> <p>B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.</p> <p>C. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.</p> <p>D. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.</p> | |
| V. | <p>Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(1)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(2)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(3)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(4)</p> </div> </div> <p>A. Option 1</p> <p>B. Option 2</p> <p>C. Option 3</p> <p>D. Option 4</p> | 1 |
| vi. | <p>Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.</p> <p>The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed _____ results.</p> <p>A. expected</p> <p>B. encouraging</p> <p>C. inconsistent</p> <p>D. questionable</p> | 1 |
| vii. | <p>Substitute the word 'witnessed' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:</p> <p><i>Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East <u>witnessed</u> a growth of...</i></p> | 1 |

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| viii. | List any 2 examples of 'tourist facilities' as referred to, in Paragraph 3. | 1 |
| ix. | List one reason why the researchers recommend that the formulation of a tourism strategy in the North-Eastern States of India be sustainable. | 1 |
| x. | Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 22%;"> <p>1 Full Speed Ahead! 2 Ups and Downs 3 Cause for Concern</p> <p>(A)</p> </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <p>1 Winds of Change 2 Numbers Don't Lie 3 Time for Action</p> <p>(B)</p> </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <p>1 Inspecting Trends 2 Statistically Speaking 3 Let's Investigate</p> <p>(C)</p> </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <p>1 Cause & Effect 2 Dynamic Data 3 Dependable Facts</p> <p>(D)</p> </div> </div> | 1 |
| III. | SECTION B –GRAMMAR(10 MARKS) Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. | |
| i. | Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. The climate control comment by an activist_____on social media yesterday. A. blow up B. blew up C. is blown D. will be blown | 1 |
| ii. | Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly. Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr. Gopalan? Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood. The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being, to which, the patient affirmed_____. | 1 |
| iii. | Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine. The advertisement read, 'If you smoke, statistically your story_____end 15% before it should'. A. must B. should C. will D. ought to | 1 |

| iv. | <p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: Last week a child was not allowed to board the plane at Ranchi airport.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option no.</th> <th>error</th> <th>correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>child</td> <td>children</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.</td> <td>last</td> <td>previous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C.</td> <td>the</td> <td>a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D.</td> <td>at</td> <td>in</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Option no. | error | correction | A. | child | children | B. | last | previous | C. | the | a | D. | at | in | 1 |
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| v. | <p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option: As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness___over me like darkness.</p> <p>A. will wash B. had washed C. will have washed D. washed</p> | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| vi. | <p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:</p> <p>Subject: Request for</p> <p>Approval Dear Sir</p> <p>This is to respectfully submit that I _____(seek) approval for organising a tree plantation drive to be undertaken by the club.</p> | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| vii. | <p>Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by</p> | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>completing the sentence:</p> <p>Grandson: Grandpa, who are your superheroes?</p> <p>Grandpa: Anyone who shows kindness and compassion to others.</p> <p>In response to the question about his superheroes, grandfather says that _____.</p> | |
| viii. | <p>Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.</p> <p>In order to balancing the sentiments of the Eagles and the Hawks, the Student Council suggested a rematch between the teams.</p> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <p><i>Error</i> : _____</p> <p><i>Correction</i> : _____</p> | 1 |
| ix. | <p>Sunil shared some information, with Tariq, about a holiday at sea. Report Tariq’s question.</p> <p>Did you enjoy travelling by sea?</p> | 1 |
| x | <p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.</p> <p>_____ WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!</p> <p>A. WILL</p> <p>B. MAY</p> <p>C. NEED</p> <p>D. CAN</p> | 1 |
| xi. | <p>Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha and her father.</p> <p>Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha?</p> <p>Latha: I believe that if you don’t know the answer, keep asking till you do!</p> <p>Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should _____.</p> <p>A. keep asking till one does.</p> | 1 |

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| | <p>B. kept asking till one does.</p> <p>C. keep asking till one do.</p> <p>D. kept on to ask till one do.</p> | |
| xii. | <p>Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer:</p> <p>Gumnaam & Daughters Pvt. Ltd. Bindapur, Jharkhand Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose. Use the given format for your response. <i>Error : </i> <i>Correction : </i></p> | 1 |
| iv. | SECTION B –CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 marks) | |
| A. | <p>You are Sunidhi Prakash, the Vice Captain of Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra, Kanpur. You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying a hazardous message:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lose weight in just a month!</i> <i>"A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue ... A privilege available for only a few!"</i></p> <p>Write a letter to the Editor of The DWA, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by such advertising. Propose the implementation of 'Wholesome Lunch Month' in schools as an idea to address such practices, mention the advantages and share suggestions to foster healthy eating routines and develop positive body image among youngsters.</p> | 5 |
| B. | <p>You are Zac Skaria, a resident of # 412, Magna Greens Apartments, Gandhi Marg, Jonpara, Mumbai. Three students of grade 10 from your residential complex have rescued and rehabilitated a few old beggars from the neighbourhood. You think that their work deserves appreciation and recognition. Write a letter to the President of the RWA, seeking recommendation for these youth, to be nominated for 'Serving Citizens' Award'. Suggest other ways such acts of kindness could be recognised and awarded in the future.</p> | 5 |
| v. | SECTION C - LITERATURE (40 marks) After reading the below passage answer the following questions. | |

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| 1. | <p>We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is after all a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity. 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.</p> <p>(a) What does 'we' refer in the first line of the passage? (b) What did the people of South Africa achieve at last? (c) The word 'bondage' means in the passage. (d) Give a synonym of 'emancipation'. (e) Why does Mandela call himself an outlaw? Explain the situation.</p> | 1x5= 5marks |
| 2. | <p>On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the 20th century, a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white-skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences and created a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known. Now, in the last decade of the 20th century and my own eighth decade as a man, that system had been overturned for ever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin. That day had come about through the unimaginable sacrifices of thousands of my people, people whose suffering and courage can never be counted or repaid.</p> <p>(a) What happened after the Anglo-Boer war? (b) On what basis is the structure of the new government created? (c) Pick the word in the passage which has the same meaning as 'submerged'. (d) What is the meaning of the phrase 'to patch up the differences'? (e) How old do you think Mandela is according to the passage ?</p> | 1x5= 5marks |
| vi. | Answer the following in about 40-50 words each. | 6x3= 18 |
| i. | 'Paper has more patience than people.' What made Anne Frank say these words? | 3 |
| ii. | Why were two national anthems sung at South Africa during the inauguration ceremony? | 3 |
| iii. | Why did Anne Frank believe that 'teachers are the most unpredictable creatures', Explain. | 3 |
| iv. | What is courage according to Mandela ? | 3 |

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| v. | Describe the pirate from the poem 'The tale of Custard the dragon'. | 3 |
| vi. | What is the relevance of the word 'epistemology' in 'The Ball Poem'. Explain. | 3 |
| vii | Answer the following in about 100-120 words. | 6x2= 12 marks |
| i. | <p><i>"Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind".</i></p> <p>If you had to use the message of the given quote from the Buddha's sermon (<i>The Sermon at Benares</i>) to help the boy cope with the loss of his ball and what it signifies (<i>The Ball Poem</i>), what would you include in your advice?</p> <p>Also, evaluate why it might be difficult for him to understand the notion.</p> | 6 |
| ii. | <p><i>Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and great.</i></p> <p><i>Which characteristics of Valli help her achieve the wonder of visiting the town at such a tender age?</i></p> <p><i>What kind of person is Valli? Illustrate your answer from the text that you have read.</i></p> | 6 |



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| NAME: | TERM 1 [2023-2024] | Max Marks - 80 |
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| SECTION: | ENGLISH (Language and Literature) Answer Key | DATE:14/09/2023 |

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| I.i | B.They evoke the wish in us, to master them. | 1 |
| ii | D.The heavier the luggage—the higher the penalty | 1 |
| iii | C. conviction | 1 |
| iv | hard to put in words | 1 |
| v | very difficult / requires perseverance (Any other relevant) | 1 |
| vi | (Any 2) Because mountaineering includes difficulties like having to walk on icy sheets that cannot be accomplished without proper preparation of equipment Because mountaineering includes dealing with several Health hazards that cannot be managed without preparation. Because managing unpredictable weather is essential in mountaineering and cannot be accomplished without being prepared with specific training Because mountaineering presents the risk of fatality due to faulty decision-making and cannot be addressed without being prepared by accompanying/ engaging experienced climbers (Any other relevant/ correct from text) | 1 |
| vii | If the weather is unpredictable, it makes it difficult to decide when to set up camp as mountaineers would prefer | 1 |

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| | to climb when its sunny and camp when it's snowing. | |
| viii | A. survival | 1 |
| ix | Survival is key in mountain climbing and it can be done with meticulously planning / careful decision-making/ careful application of training (any one or more) It has no room for rash or impulsive decisions/ actions—these would lead to accidents or fatalities. | 1 |
| x | D.Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment | 1 |
| II.i | This is so because these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country, in spite of having lots to offer. | 1 |
| ii | A.1&3. | 1 |
| iii | hues and shades | 1 |
| iv | B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for. | 1 |
| v | B. Option 2 | 1 |
| vi | B.encouraging | 1 |
| vii | observed/ recorded/ showed/ displayed (Any other similar relevant) | 1 |
| viii | (Any 2) Accommodation—hotels, hostels, camps Recreation—Parks, Gardens, Museums, Shopping areas Essential- eating outlets, toilets, water points, kiosks for maps / currency exchange (if needed), certified travel guide availability Transport-dedicated shuttle service, sight-seeing buses, cards or passes, car hiring stations Digital upgrades –WiFi availability, websites, ticketing, forums (Any other relevant) | 1 |
| ix | (Any one) To create socio-economic benefits for the local community To reduce the negative impacts caused on the destination/s To ensure protection of culture and heritage/ To ensure minimal intervention in the cultural aspects To protect natural wildlife and resources (Any other relevant) | 1 |
| x | B. | 1 |

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| III.i | B. blew up | 1 |
| ii | that he does not stay in a good mood. (Addition of sometimes/time to time acceptable) | 1 |
| iii | C. will | 1 |
| iv | C. the/a | 1 |
| v | D. washed | 1 |
| vi | seek | 1 |
| vii | it is anyone who shows kindness and compassion to others | 1 |
| viii | error <u>correction</u> Balancing Balance | 1 |
| ix | Tariq asked Sunil if/whether he had enjoyed travelling by sea. | 1 |
| x | D. CAN | 1 |
| xi | A. keep asking till one does. | 1 |
| xii | error <u>correction</u> all each | 1 |
| IV. i | <u>Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1</u> | 5 |
| ii | <u>Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1</u> | 5 |
| V. 1 a | The people with dark skin in South Africa | 1 |
| b | Political emancipation or the non racial government/ similar answer. | 1 |
| c | Tied up/ helplessness | 1 |
| d | Independence/Liberation | 1 |
| e | It was a crime to enter the place of white supremacy a few years back. | 1 |
| 2 a b c d e | Erected system of apartheid On the basis of the complexion of skin Overwhelmed To repair 80 | 1 |
| VI i | People do not like to listen- paper doesn't show disinterest- paper is trustable | 3 |

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| ii | To represent and honour both the white and black skinned peopel of the country | 3 |
| iii | They may allow everyone to the next grade. | 3 |
| iv | Not absence of fear, but triumph over it. | 3 |
| v | Wooden leg, cutlass, pistols on both hands, meant no good | 3 |
| vi | Study about the loss- boy lost his toy | 3 |
| VII i | Subjective answer-word limit- paragraph | 6 |
| ii | Subjective answer-word limit- paragraph | 6 |
| iii | Subjective answer-word limit- paragraph | 6 |