



SECTION A (READING)		
Q1.	Read the following passage carefully and attempt the questions on the basis of the passage you have read.	6
	<p>1. According to a new study, a vast blanket of pollution stretching across South Asia is cutting down sunlight by 10 per cent over India, damaging agriculture, modifying rainfall patterns and putting hundreds of thousands of people at risk.</p> <p>2. It is said, "Acids in the haze may, by falling as acid rain, have the potential to damage crops and trees. Ash falling on leaves can aggravate the impact of reduced sunlight on the Earth's surface. The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to several hundreds of thousands of premature deaths as a result of higher levels of respiratory diseases."</p> <p>3. "The haze has cut down sunlight over India by 10 per cent (so far) --a huge amount! As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up," Prof. V. Ramanathan said when asked specifically about the impact of the haze over India. He said, "We are still in an early stage of understanding of the impact of the haze."</p> <p>4. Prof. V. Ramanathan was asked whether the current droughts in most parts of India after over a decade of good monsoons was owing to the haze. He said, "It was too early to reach a conclusion. If the droughts persist for about four to five years, then we would start suspecting that it may be because of the haze." India, China and Indonesia are the worst affected owing to their population density, economic growth and depleting forest cover.</p>	
I.	Complete the sentence appropriately. There has not been enough time to determine that droughts were caused _____.	
II.	What are the disastrous effects of the haze?	
III.	Infer one reason for the following based on the information in paragraph 1: In India rainfall patterns are changing.	
IV.	Which of the following means the same as 'persist' in 'droughts persist' as used in paragraph 4? (i) Destroying (ii) Halting (iii) Continue (iv) Blocking	
V.	<p>The pollution spreading across South Asia is affecting India by _____ Choose the correct option from the ones given below:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>(i) I, II and III (ii) II, III and IV (iii) I, III and IV (iv) I, II and IV</p>	
VI.	<p>From the following pie chart, identify the reasons which do not contribute to weather disruption:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	

SECTION B (GRAMMAR)																	
Q2.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.	7															
I.	Shradha and Simi _____ together to the market at least once a week for the last five years. (a) walk (b) walked (c) have been walking (d) will be walking																
II.	Every boy and every girl.....got the Appreciation Certificate. (a) was (b) has (c) have (d) is																
III.	The Manchester United _____ a golden chance to level the score when they missed a penalty in the crucial match against Liverpool yesterday. (a) blew up (b) have blown up (c) were blowing up (d) blow up																
IV.	The mob _____ (be) scattered in all directions.																
V.	The monitor as well as the boys _____ punished for misbehaviour. (a) was (b) were (c) have (d) has																
VI.	Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. Just launched publication “The Mind Map” want to promote “a new normal” in mental health.																
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VI	Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence.					
I.	Many a man have tried but few men have succeeded.					
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SECTION C (LITERATURE)		
Q3.	Read the following stanza and answer the following questions.	4
	The wind blows out weak fire. He makes strong fires roar and flourish. His friendship is good. We praise him every day.	
I.	What quality of the wind is impressive for the poet? (a) Weakness (b) Might (c) Revenge (d) Jealousy	
II.	How does wind make strong fires roar and flourish?	
III.	Identify the poetic device used in line 2.	
IV.	What should we do to make friends with the wind?	

Q4.	Read the following extract and answer the following questions.	4
	Evelyn confesses that she is something of a workaholic. “I’ve just go to work....often harder than classical musicians. But the rewards are enormous.” Apart from the regular concerts, Evelyn also gives free concerts in the prisons and hospitals. She also gives high priority to classes for young musicians.	
I.	Evelyn’s confession that she is a workaholic implies that	
II.	Why did Evelyn have to work harder than classical musicians?	
III.	Which of the following words is synonymous with ‘enormous’? (a) brilliant (b) long (c) immense (d) admirable	
IV.	Evelyn is a great musician and a noble soul. Elucidate.	

Q5.	Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words. (Any 3)	9
I.	Which two films was Bismillah Khan associated with? Why did he discontinue his journey in the film world?	
ii	How will you compare and contrast the human teachers and mechanical teachers?	
iii	How did Ishwaran control the tusker? Does it appear to be plausible?	
iv	How was Toto an expensive deal for the grandfather?	



SECTION A (READING)		
Q1.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on the basis of the passage you have read.	6
	<p>1. The world's smallest dog, the Chihuahua or the Pocket Dog is barely 1 kg to 2 kg as an adult! The Chihuahua is named after a Mexican State, but its roots can be traced back to China. Today this breed is a popular choice of the dog lovers world over and their popularity seems to be even increasing.</p> <p>2. The main advantage of this breed is that they need no particular exercise. They are quite satisfied with their walks within their house. Being small, however, does not mean that they are dull, on the contrary they are sharp, alert animals, very strong in character. They are good guard dogs due to their strong vocal cords. They have an inherent curiosity that makes them want to know what goes on within the house.</p> <p>3. For show purposes, the maximum permissible weight is 0.9kg to 1.8 kg. Chihuahuas are of two types, the long coated and the smooth coated. The long coated ones have flat or slightly wavy coats. The smooth coated ones are soft textured and glossy in appearance.</p> <p>4. They can be of any colour. Their heads are apple dome-shaped and in some animals, the frontal areas of the skull do not fuse! The nose is short and the ears are at an angle of 45 degrees to the head. The dogs are slightly longer than the tail and the tail is carried like a sickle that just touches the back. The body on the whole is compact and has a graceful appearance. Occasionally a tailless dog is born but tail cropping is not an accepted practice.</p> <p>5. Compared to other pups, they require little care, and only the long-haired variety needs grooming. They tend to exercise themselves within the confine of the house. This makes them prone to have overgrown nails that need regular clipping. As far as their diet is concerned, they could be fussy and choosy eaters, but then almost all toy breeds are so! They are intelligent and learn easily.</p> <p>6. They are very active within the house and literally are burglar alarms. They are good with children and are loyal and devoted to the family. On the whole, the Chihuahua is quite a pet! At just six inches, it is bundle of energy. Most people are surprised seeing these animals and the general awareness of this breed is still low. However, just one hurdle remains. Because this is a pocket dog, it may pinch a few pockets.</p>	
I.	Chihuahua can be a great companion. Justify	
II.	What makes Chihuahuas function as burglar alarms?	
III.	Infer one reason for the following based on the information in paragraph 5: Chihuahua needs regular grooming.	
IV.	Which of the following means the same as 'inborn'? (a) prone (b) compact (c) inherent (d) confine	
V	Find the synonym of 'fastidious' in paragraph 5.	
vi	Find the antonym of word 'lethargic' in paragraph 6.	
SECTION B (GRAMMAR)		
Q2.	Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.	7
I.	Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on a school news channel. Congratulations Change Makers! The regional competition awards have been announced and our school music club _____ the first prize. (a) had been won (b) will win (c) was winning (d) has won	

II.	My father in addition to our neighbour _____ gone out for a walk. (a) were (b) has (c) have (d) are																
III.	By the end of this year, I _____ (complete) my project.																
IV.	My scissors _____ (do) not cut well.																
V.	The cashier and accountant _____ absconded. (a) is (b) are (c) were (d) have																
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	I shall be telling this with a sigh. Somewhere ages and ages hence; Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.																
I.	Explain: 'I shall be telling this with a sigh.'																
II.	What do the two roads represent? (a) similar opinions (b) supporting opinions (c) contradictory opinions (d) different opinions																
III.	Identify the poetic device used in line 2.																
IV.	The poet is _____ with his decision.																
Q4.	Read the following extract and answer the following questions.	4															
	In spite of having travelled all over the world Khansaab as he is fondly called - is exceedingly fond of Benaras and Dumraon and they remain for him the most wonderful towns of the world. A student of his once wanted him to head a shehnai school in the U.S.A., and the student promised to recreate the atmosphere of Benaras by replicating the temples there. But Khansaab asked him if he would be able to transport River Ganga as well.																
I.	What was the offer proposed by the student of Ustad Bismillah Khan?																
II.	Complete the following analogy. fondly: lovingly :: exquisite:																
III.	What do these lines reveal about Ustad Bismillah Khan?																
IV.	Which of the following words is synonymous with 'replicate'? (a) rebuild (b) redesign (c) reproduce (d) renamed																
Q5.	Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words. (Any 3)	9															
I.	Technology may bring convenience but may cause loneliness. Elaborate this with reference to 'The Fun They Had'.																
II.	How does the "The Sound of Music" reveal that sounds can be 'heard' through sensations?																
III.	What was the most ghastly experience for Mahendra? How did it affect him?																
IV.	Why did the child not go near the snake charmer?																

	does not seem to be plausible because Iswaran was a small boy at that time and the elephant described by him was very big.	
IV.	Toto was an expensive deal for grandfather because it used to tear off the clothes, curtains and break dishes and destroy many other expensive items.	3



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Answer Key of July Unit Test

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SET- B

Question No	Section A (Reading)	Marks
I.	They are very active, sharp and alert, burglar alarms, good with children, loyal, adorable, glossy in appearance smooth and furry coats	1
II.	Strong Vocal chords, active within the house	1
III.	Long hair, overgrown nails need regular clipping	1
IV.	Inherent	1
V.	Fussy	1
VI.	Active	1
Section B (Grammar)		
I.	has won	1
II.	Has	1
III.	will complete, will have completed	1
IV.	don't	1
V.	Is	1
VI.	c. had caught—caught	1
VII.	were –was	1
SECTION C (Literature)		
Q3:		
I.	The poet will be sharing his experience with a sense of relief/ grief that once he was struck in a situation where he had to choose between two options. He was in a fix. Finally he made a decision. Today whatever his life is, it is the outcome of the decision which he took in the past and that changed the course of his life.	1
II.	d. different Opinions	1
III.	Repetition, assonance	1
IV.	Sad/happy/ regretful	1
Q4.	Answer the following questions	
I.	His student proposed that he would open a shehnai school for him in the USA and he would be the head of the institute.	1
II.	Wonderful	1
III.	He is a true patriot who truly loves India, Dumraon and Benaras. Patriotism flows in his veins.	1
IV.	Reproduce	1
Q5.	Answer the following in 40-50 words.	
I.	It is aptly mentioned that technology may bring convenience but may cause loneliness. As Margie and Tommie are taught at their home only by the mechanical teachers. They don't have any classmates or human teachers. They feel isolated and suffer from loneliness. At present too, mobile phones and internet have made our life very comfortable and convenient but everyone has become addicted to the virtual world.	3
II.	Evelyn Glennie, the renowned percussionist, is a profoundly deaf girl. She listens to music through her various body parts be it her skin, cheekbones, fingertips or even hair. By feeling the sensations and vibrations, she can play thousands of musical instruments. Thus, her story of determination, resilience and success reveals that sounds can be heard through sensations.	3

III.	<p>After Iswaran told Mahendra about the ghost of a female appeared off and on every full moon night and looked ugly with a wrinkled face and carried a foetus in her arm.</p> <p>The most ghastly experience of Mahendra was when he perceived the ghost of a female outside the window of his room. He started panting heavily and a chill went down Mahendra's spine. Mahendra was so petrified that he decided to leave that haunted place the very next day.</p>	3
IV.	<p>The child didn't stop to listen the music of the snake charmer because he already knew the response of his parents that they won't let him hear such cheap and coarse music. So with a heavy heart, he moved ahead without making any demand.</p>	3