TIME: 3 Hrs.   **MM: 80**

General Instructions:
1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

<div align="center">SECTION A (READING)   26</div>

Q1.	**Read the passage given below**.	
	I got posted in Srinagar in the 1980s. Its rugged mountains, gushing rivers and vast meadows reminded me of the landscapes of my native place the Jibhi Valley in Himachal Pradesh. Unlike Srinagar that saw numerous tourists, Jibhi Valley remained clouded in anonymity. That's when the seed of starting tourism in Jibhi was planted. I decided to leave my service in the Indian Army and follow the urge to return home.	10

We had two houses- a family house and a traditional house, which we often rented out. I pleaded with my father to ask the tenant to vacate the house so that I could convert it into a guesthouse. When my family finally relented, I renovated the house keeping its originality intact, just adding windows for sunlight.

I still remember the summer of 1992 when I put a signboard outside my first guesthouse in Jibhi Valley! The village residents, however, were sceptical about my success. My business kept growing but it took years for tourism to take off in Jibhi Valley. Things changed significantly after 2008 when the government launched a homestay scheme. People built homestays and with rapid tourism growth, the region changed rapidly. Villages turned into towns with many concrete buildings. Local businesses and tourists continued putting a burden on nature.

Then, with the 2020-21 pandemic and lockdown, tourism came to a complete standstill in Jibhi Valley. Local people, who were employed at over a hundred homestays and guesthouses, returned to their villages Some went back to farming; some took up pottery and some got involved in government work schemes. Now, all ardently hope that normalcy and tourism will return to the valley soon. In a way, the pandemic has given us an opportunity to introspect, go back to our roots and look for sustainable solutions

For me, tourism has been my greatest teacher. It brought people from many countries and all states of India to my guesthouse. It gave me exposure to different cultures and countless opportunities to learn new things. Most people who stayed at my guesthouse became my repeated clients and good friends. When I look back, I feel proud, yet humbled at the thought that I was not only able to fulfill my dream despite all the challenges, but also play a role in establishing tourism in the beautiful valley that I call home.

Based on your understanding of the passage , answer the following questions
QI. The scenic beauty of of Srinagar makes the writer feel
    A. Awestruck
    B. Nostalgic
    C. Cheerful
    D. Confused
QII. The collocation is a group of words that often occur together. The writer says that Jibhi Valley remained clouded in anonymity. Select the word from the options that correctly collocates with <u>clouded in</u>.
    A. Disgust

B. Anger
C. Doubt
D. Terror

QIII. Select the option that suitably completes the given dialogue as per the context in paragraph II.

Father: Are you sure that your plan would work?

Writer: I can't say (1) …………………………………………

Father: That's a lot of uncertainty, Isn't it?

Writer:(2)………………………father, please let's do it.

    A. (1) that I would be able to deal with the funding (2) Well begun is half done.
    B. (1) anything along those lines , as the completion is tough (2)Think before you leap.
    C. (1) that, because it is a question of profit and loss (2) All is well that ends well.
    D. (1) I'm sure, but I believe in myself (2) No risk no gain.

QIV. Which signboard would the writer have chosen for his 1992 undertaking in Jibhi Valley?
    A. HAPPY STAY IN JIBHI VALLEY
    B. GUARANTEED COMFORT AT THIS JIBHI HOTEL
    C. WELCOME TO JIBHI VALLEY
    D. WELCOME TO JIBHI'S FIRST TOURIST HOME

QV. What is the relationship between the (1) and (2)?
    (1) Tourism came to a complete standstill in Jibhi Valley.
    (2) Tourism has been my greatest teacher.

    A. (2) is the cause of for (1).
    B. (1) repeats the situation described in (2).
    C. (2) elaborates the problem described in (1).
    D. (1) sets the stage for (2).

QVI. What was the turning point in the growth of the narrator's business?

QVII. Describe the repercussion of the pandemic 2020-21

QVIII. What is the experience of the narrator's venture?

QIX. Why did the people become the repeated client of the narrator? Write your views.

QX. Which word in paragraph 2 means **'acceded'?**

Q2.	**Read the passage given below:** 1. In a state with more than 30 lakh Covid-19 cases and seven districts among the top 10 in India for active caseloads, there are still pockets where the coronavirus is not the biggest of problems. Unlike the city of Thane, where cases are in multiples of lakhs, these are patches where the pathogen has, for the most part, touched 10,000-20,000 persons so far. 2. Coastal Ratnagiri district totalled under 13.500 cases in the beginning of the week. It is a district on the tourist map but could keep the virus under control even during the unlock phase because of its own thin population and, consequently, its ability to strictly implement the rules. 3. Such districts have gained from a combination of less crowding and better, spread-out housing. 4. "One of the reasons for the lower number of cases here is the very poor urbanization and less movement of people," Ratnagiri district collector Sanjay Shinde said. "Very few people from Mumbai or neighbouring districts are visiting." Sindhudurg is another typical example of a place which, though not far from large urban centres, is characterised by low population density and independent housing units. Most live in a stand-alone dwelling on a small patch, unlike dwellers of semi-urban or industrial towns, who crowd together in poorly sanitised conditions.	8

6. The state population is over 12 crore. The current Covid-19 tally of the state puts the average prevalence at over 2.5% of the population. In predominantly urban and crowded zones like Pune and Nagpur, 5%-10% of residents have been detected positive as the epidemic rapidly courses through neighbourhoods. But in remoter parts, the infection has run through barely 1% of the inhabitants.

7. Reasons range broadly from poor connectivity and underdevelopment to better housing and low Population density. The more poorly connected a district and the lower its importance to trade and industry, greater the probability of the pandemic blowing past it. Tribal Gondia, Gadchiroli and Nandurbar, and dry, interior districts of Hingoli and Parbhani fall in this category.

8. Gadchiroli collector Deepak Singal said the urban population was small there, and even hamlets were far from one another. "There is no movement of people from neighbouring districts," he said.

9. Hingoli collector Ruchesh Jaiwanshi said cases there began to rise only with the recent gram panchayat polls.

10. The other districts among the best 10 in checking the spread of the virus are Washim, Wardha and Bhandara, all largely rural landscapes.

11. "Urbanisation is less here and, as a result, movement of people is very low." Satish Pawar, additional director of health services, said. "Population is very poor, distances between villages large, and so social gatherings few. There are no major industries."

12. Some districts have also been affected by the neglect of the administration, resulting in inadequate resources for detection and testing. The low number of tests done in these places is believed to have added to the impression that they are in some ways shielded from the pathogen.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices.

(a) Far from the madding crowd' is an English idiom sometimes used in literary writing. What do you think the word 'madding' means?

 (i) dense, thickly populated
(ii) crowd rushing and pushing
(iii) hysterical crowd
(iv) frenzied crowd

(b) Why have some districts in Maharashtra not been infected heavily with Covid-19?

(i) They are clean and live a disciplined life.
(ii) The air and water are not polluted there.
(i) People wear masks and maintain social distancing.
(iv) They have small populations and their houses are far apart.

(c) One factor responsible for the spread of Covid-19 is

 (i) good connectivity leading to too many people visiting from other parts
 (ii) industrial pollution
(iii) eating unhealthy food
(iv) lack of exercise

(d) If we were to pin point the cause of the spread of Covid in a single word, it would be

(i) industrialization

(ii) pollution
(iii) urbanization
(iv) deforestation

(e) How could the gram-panchayat polls have caused a rise in Covid-19 cases in Hingoli district?

(i) By noise and air pollution.
(ii) Through mingling of large number of people.
(iii) By infected polling equipment.
(iv) All the above.

(f) We can say that underdevelopment has proved to be a blessing in disguise for some villages in Maharashtra because……………………

(i) they have been able to preserve their traditions
(ii) their ancient monuments have remained intact
(iii) their culture has not been vulgarized.
(iv) they have been largely spared from Covid-19 like infections

(g) The highest number of cases of Covid in Maharashtra have been in

(i) Thane
(i) Pune
(iii) Mumbai
(iv) Ahmednagar

(h) Prevalence' in para 6 does not mean

(i) commonness
(ii) widespread
(iii) disconnect
(iv) presence

Q3	Read the passage given below:

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. Al 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 Al 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 Al.

Introducing Al 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 law will enable quicker services at a lower price. Al is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoting to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust- qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of Al. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over a 1000 years; trust, judgment, 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. | 8 |

	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 defense strategy. Al, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents.	
	Al 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 understanding of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. 5 (b) **Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words**. 3	
	SECTION B (GRAMMAR AND ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)	23
Q4.	Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with appropriate form of word given in the bracket. Yesterday a blue line bus (a)……… over a school boy who (b)…………..the road. The boy (c) …………. seriously. a. 1.Run 2. Running 3.Ran 4.Was running b. 1.is crossing 2.was crossing 3.has crossed 4.crosses c. 1. Injury 2. injure 3.injured 4. got injured	3
Q5.	Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: A. is /praised/ intelligence/one /and/all/by B. means/intelligence/being able/problems/to solve. C. some/seem/to do this/ animals/also D. cats/ find/ their/often/way home/long/distances/from/for example	4
Q6.	You are Harish/ Harshita of 12, Seva Nagar Pune. You want to sell your flat as you are shifting to another city for work. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The Hindustan Times under the classified columns	3
	OR	
	You are General manager, Hotel Rasoi Lucknow. You need a lady Front Office Assistant with sound knowledge of computer. She must be graduate and good in communication	

	skills with pleasing manners. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The Lucknow Times under the classified columns.	
Q7.	Prepare a poster on behalf of the **NGO Tree Lovers** to be placed in various parts of the city urging the people to '**save trees'.**	3
	OR	
	Prepare a poster on behalf of the Municipal Authority of your city informing the citizens about how to '**protect against mosquitoes**'.	
Q8.	The world that we are living in is under a great threat of extinction. Large scale of pollution, deforestation and industrialization are suffocating the environment. You, as a concerned citizen want to share the causes and effects of global warming. You would also like to give a few suggestions on how to contribute to the making of a better world. As Vikas/ Vineeta Arora , Head Boy/Girl of the school prepare a **speech** in 120 -150 words on this issue for the morning assembly under the heading '**The Hazard of Global Warming'** **OR**	5
	Through **Yoga** we can maintain our health and increase our immunity .Write a **speech** in 120 -150 words to be delivered in the morning assembly in your school .You are Ramesh/ Radhika Kant the Head Boy/Girl of your school.	
Q9.	**Smartphones should be distributed free to all adults**. Write a **Debate** either for or against the motion in 120-150 words. You are Deepak/Deepti Narang	5
	OR	
	'**Our large population is not a cause of poverty but it is an asset and a resource**. 'Write a debate in 120-150 words either for or against the motion.	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)	31

Q10	Read the following extract and answer the following questions.
	
	Then sleek as lizard, and alert and abrupt,
	She enters the thickness and a machine starts up
	Of chitterlings and tremor of wings and trilling-
	The whole tree trembles and thrills.
	
	    (1) The Machine here refers to-
	        (a) Chicks
	        (b) Gold Finch
	        (c) Tree
	        (d) Leaves
	    (2) The Whole Tree Trembles And Trills Because Of -Lizard
	        (a) The above sentence is false
	        (b) The above sentence is true
	        (c) The above sentence is not related to the poem
	        (d) None of the above.
	    (3) Who is **'she'** in the above stanza
	        (a) The goldfinch
	        (b) The lizard
	        (c) The chicks
	        (d) None of the above.
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	OR	
	Yet have I killed **The seed I spent or sown it where** **The land is his and none of mine?** **We speak like strangers , there is no sign** **Of understanding in the air** (1) What 'land' does the speaker speak of :	

(a) Metaphorically it refers to his son's mind
(b) The patch of land belonging to his son
(c) The father's farm
(d) Metaphorically it refers to his father's mind

(2) They speak like strangers because
    (a) They have not met for years
    (b) They have not spoken to each other for a long time
    (c) They have different Ways of life and thoughts
    (d) They speak in different languages

(3) What is the father questioning in these lines
    (a) The upbringing he has given to his son
    (b) The hard work he has put in to educate him.
    (c) The money he has given to his profligate son.
    (d) His right to expect anything from his son.

Q11	Read the following extract and answer the following questions that follow.
	
	My grandmother like everybody's grandmother was an old woman. She had been old and wrinkled for the 20 years that eye had known her.
	People said that she had once been young and pretty and had even had a husband, but that was hard to believe. My grand grandfather's portrait hung above the mantelpiece in the drawing room.
	
	(1) The author uses a literary device in the statement "My grandmother like everybody's grandmother was an old woman" It is..
	    (a) simile
	    (b) oxymoron
	    (c) personification
	    (d) irony
	(2) "The statement she had been old and wrinkled got the 20 years that I had known her" means
	    (a) She was born old.
	    (b) She had stopped ageing.
	    (c) She was old in years but young in looks.
	    (d) She had looked the same over the years.
	
	(3) The meaning of the word mantelpiece here is
	    (a) A Cabinet
	    (b) A set of drawers.
	    (c) A shelf.
	    (d) A fireplace
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<div align="center">OR</div>

Reading volume Five from both ends inwards, Gangadharpant finally converged on the precise moment where history had taken a different turn.

The page in the book described the battle of Panipat and it mentioned that the Marathas won it handsomely. Abdali was routed And he was chased back to Kabul by the triumphant Marathas army led by Sadashivrao Bhau and his Nephew the young Vishwasrao.

(1) The statement Reading volume Five….. inwards means
    (a) The prof. read the volume of history from the centre
    (b) The prof. read the volume of history from alternatively from both ends.
    (c) He read the volume a random.
    (d) The prof. read the volume of history that was written by him.

(2) For the professor history had taken a different turn. He cites incorrect historical fact because…

(a) Of the effects of the catastrophe theory
(b) He had written incorrect facts in his books
(c) He wished to reconstruct an alternate version India's history
(d) He wanted to glorify the rout of the Abdali.

(3) The meaning of the word 'routed' is
(a) Retreat
(b) Given gifts and send back
(c) Defeated
(d) Backed

Q12	Read the following extract and answer the following questions that follow.	4x1

Q12 Read the following extract and answer the following questions that follow.

I Was in a room I knew and did not know. I found myself in the midst of things I did want to see again but which oppressed me in the strange atmosphere. Or because of the tasteless way everything was arranged, because of the ugly furniture or the muggy smell that hung there, I don't know, but I scarcely dared to look around me.

(1) I was in room I knew and did not know. What does the author mean by this?

(a) She was unfamiliar in familiar surroundings
(b) She did not recognize the things she saw.
(c) She did not want to remember any thing
(d) She saw her family possessions in unfamiliar surroundings.

(2) "I scarcely dared to look around me" means?
(a) She did not want to see Mrs. Dorling
(b) She feared an attack by Mrs. Dorling
(c) She was horrified and shocked enough
(d) She regretted her decision.

(3) The things were arranged tastelessly probably because they
(a) Had not been earned.
(b) Had been rightfully acquired.
(c) Were not valued.
(d) Mrs. Dorling was a bad housekeeper.

(4) 'Oppressed' here means
(a) Worried and uncomfortable
(b) Happy and jolly
(c) Unsatisfied and saddened
(d) Dedicated and obedient

OR

In a flash Andrew knelt down. Fishing amongst the sodden newspapers below the bed, he pulled out the child. A boy, perfectly formed. The limp, warm body was white and soft as tallow. The cord, hastily slashed, lay like a broken stem. The skin was of a lovely texture, smooth and tender. The head lolled on the thin neck. The limbs seemed boneless.

(a) In the statement "body was white and soft as tallow," the word tallow means
(i) A ball of wool
(ii) A ball of cotton
(iii) animal fat
(iv) Feather

 (b) The expression "fishing amongst the sodden newspapers" means,
(i) He was searching for some newspapers.
(ii) He was searching for the scared midwife.
(iii) He was looking for the baby amongst wet newspaper.

	(iv) He was looking for some newspapers.	
	(c)Identify the figure of speech in the statement "the cord, hastily slashed,lay like a broken stem ." (i) personification (ii) metaphor (iii) hyperbole (iv) simile (d) The baby's head lolled and the limbs seemed boneless because in all probability (i) the baby was left to die by the nurse (ii) a ball of wool (iii)The baby was dead (iv) It was a still born	
Q13	**Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words** 1. How does the story 'We are not afraid to die….' suggest that optimism helps to endure 'The direst Stress'? **OR** Why does the poet criticize the adult in the poem childhood? (Childhood) 2. What were the contents of the richest royal collection ever found? (Discovering Tut…) **OR** Why does the poet feel emotional on seeing the photographs? (photographs)	3x2= 6
Q14	**Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words.** What did Mrs Pearson tell her husband about his visit to the bar and how is he treated at the club? OR What did John Byro Say to the boys when he found them walking with the horse one morning?	3x1= 3
Q15	**Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.** What was the purpose of the narrator's journey? What route did he choose to reach his destination? (Silk Road) OR How does the poet turn rain into a living entity? (The voice of the Rain)	6
Q16	If you work to respect the feelings, yearning and desires of others, success is always yours. Explain on the basis of the lesson Birth by A.J. Cronin. OR 'The Tale of melon City' tells the story of a king who either does not govern or misgoverns. It is a satire on a ruler who has no concern for justice or welfare of the people in his kingdom, blame gets shifted from one to another.	6