

12thARNKD(W/Z) JKLUT-2025

1100-A

ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note:- “Attempt any 68 Marks out of 80 Marks”.

SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), summarise (4 marks) it and give it a suitable title (1 mark) : (10)

Kashmiri language is spoken in the valley of Kashmir and its adjoining areas Kishtwar, Poonch, Gulab Garh, Ramban, etc. nearly in the area one hundred fifty miles long and fifty miles wide. The population speaking and understanding this language is around one crore. There are many legends regarding the formation and substance of this language.

According to one legend, Kashmiri language has originated from Sanskrit, the oldest language of India. Since during the Hindu rule, Kashmir region for thousands of years has remained a religious centre of knowledge, it remained the centre of Sanskrit as well. The region has produced a great many Sanskrit scholars, poets, philosophers, writers, researchers, men of learning and rulers who had developed a script for the Kashmiri language. Books in Kashmiri language used to be written in this very script for a longtime. The knowledge of this script is now confined to few Brahmin families. People from outside Kashmir stayed ignorant about this script. It is said that during the Hindu rule, few rulers gave the status of official language to Sharda script instead of Devanagari script.

According to another legend, Kashmiri language has not evolved from Sanskrit. Its status is that of a different language. It is based on Dardic language and one branch of Shina language, hence some words resemble those of Kashmiri language.

Another legend says that Kashmiri language has evolved from Syriac and Hebrew languages. It is said that in very older times this region was inhabited by Jews. Its language was Hebrew which later on got distorted and was shaped into Kashmiri language. Hence many words of Kashmiri language resemble Hebrew words like Ati (Hebrew) Yeti (Kashmiri). It is said that 2000 years ago, Jews had come from Syria to this place and their language was Hebrew which influenced Kashmiri. It is also said that they found this place quite similar to their country Syria and named it 'Kasheer', meaning "Like Syria". 'Ka' means 'Like' and 'Sheer', 'Syria'.

Many historians say that when Alexander attacked the Punjab, the kingdom of Kashmir broke into many regions and some of these went to the Greeks. Alexander was accompanied by some Jews, some of whom settled in Kashmir. Their language influenced Kashmiri language. Hence many names in Kashmir are suffixed with 'Joo' as a mark of respect which implies Jewish influence.

Q2.

Read the following passage and answer the given questions: (1×10=10)

In today's fast-paced world, characterised by technological advancements and rapid urbanization, social relationships have undergone a significant transformation. The once-strong bonds of kinship and community are gradually weakening, leading to a sense of isolation and loneliness. This deterioration in social relationships has far-reaching implications for individual well-being and societal harmony.

One of the primary factors contributing to this decline is the increasing reliance on technology. While technology has undoubtedly brought many benefits, it has also led to a decrease in face-to-face interactions. People are spending more time on their smartphones and computers, neglecting real world connections. Social media, though intended to

connect people, often fosters superficial relationships and can lead to feelings of inadequacy and envy.

Another factor is the growing emphasis on individualism and self-interest. As societies become more competitive, people are prioritizing their own needs and aspirations over those of others. This can lead to a breakdown in family ties, friendships, and community bonds. The erosion of traditional values and the weakening of social institutions further exacerbate this trend.

The consequences of deteriorating social relationships are manifold. Studies have shown that strong social connections are linked to better mental and physical health. Loneliness and isolation can increase the risk of depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. Moreover, weakened social bonds can lead to a decline in civic engagement and a rise in social problems such as crime and violence.

To address this issue, it is crucial to prioritize human connection. We must make a conscious effort to spend quality time with loved ones, engage in meaningful conversations, and participate in community activities. By fostering strong social relationships, we can create a more compassionate and supportive society.

Questions :

- (i) What is the impact of social media on relationships?
- (ii) How can individuals contribute to improving social relationships?
- (iii) The main idea of the passage is
- (a) the impact of urbanization
- (b) the decline of social relationships

(c) the benefits of technology

(d) the rise of global warming

☒ (iv) What is the impact of social isolation on individuals?

(a) Increased life expectancy

(b) Enhanced creativity

☒ (c) Increased risk of mental health issues

☒ (v) Technology has strengthened social bonds. (True/False)

☒ (vi) Can strong social connections improve mental health?
(Yes/No)

☒ (vii) Social isolation can lead to mental health issues. (True/False)

☒ (iii) Which one of the following is mainly responsible for deteriorating social relationships?

- (a) Increased global warming
- (b) Economic prosperity
- (c) Technological advancements
- (d) Improved healthcare

☒ Write the antonym of 'envy'.

☒ Give a suitable title to the passage.

SECTION-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

☒ You want an art teacher for your younger sister/brother. Write an advertisement (40-50 words) to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper. (4)

OR

Your family is celebrating your brother's selection in government job.

Write an invitation message (40-50 words) to your friends for a party at your home next week.

Q4.

Write a letter (120-150 words) to the SP Traffic, Jammu about the inadequate parking facilities in the commercial areas of City Centre, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. You may also offer your suggestions to solve this issue. (6)

OR

As the Sports Secretary of your school, write a letter (120-150 words) to Soccer Sports Pvt. Ltd., Ramban and request them to supply their

trade catalogue along with discount. Do not forget to mention the items you would require.

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You have seen an advertisement in a newspaper inviting applications for the post of Head Chef in a 5-star Hotel in Srinagar. Write your resume along with job application to the Chief Manager, applying for the advertised post. (120-150 words) (6)

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One of the major causes of road accidents nowadays is rash driving by adults and youngsters. Write an article on 'rash driving' in 200-250 words. (6)

OR

Write about any humorous episode (200-250 words) you recently encountered in your life.

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Edit the following passage :

(8)

We go (1) to the market yesterday. We saw many things their (2), including a beautiful dress for herself (3). It was very expensive; so she decided wait (4) until her next salary. We also bought some groceries to (5) ourselves. After shopping, we felt tired or (6) hungry. We decided to eat at a near (7) restaurant. The food was delicious, and we enjoyed ourselves (8) immensely.

SECTION-C

(Literature)

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Read the poetic extract given below and answer the given questions :

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Out of their homes, but after the airport's

Security check, standing a few yards away.

I looked again at her, wan, pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache.....

Questions:

(1×4=4)

(i) What is the kind of ache that the poet feels?

(ii) Who is standing a few yards away?

(iii) Name the poem and poet.

(iv) Who is the mother compared with?

(b) Answer any two questions in 40-50 words each:

(3×2=6)

(c) Comment on the title of the poem "Keeping Quiet".

60 What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings? (A Thing of Beauty)

(iii) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'? (A Roadside Stand)

9. Answer any **three** questions in 40-50 words each: (3×3=9)

(i) How, in your opinion, can a linguistic minority keep their language alive in a state?

(ii) Why does Douglas as an adult recount a childhood experience of terror and his conquering of it?

(iii) How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament?

- (iv) How did the Champaran episode change the plight of the peasants?
- (v) How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

10. Answer the following question in 150-200 words: (6)

'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress'. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

(The Third Level)

OR

The story "The Tiger King" is a satire on the conceit of those in power.

Discuss in detail.

11.

Answer the following question in 120-150 words:

(5)

Mr Lamb displays signs of loneliness and disappointment. How does he overcome these feelings? Discuss.

OR

✓ Discuss how did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry become a turning point in Derry's life?
