

Unseen Passage(2023) 10Marks**Read the passage given below and answer the questions:**

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist; is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are numerous hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about the other fellow's hobby rather than your own. There in lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about what interests them thus you will make your reputation for good fellowship, charming wit and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people more than your interest in their interest. It is as important to know what subject to avoid and what subject to select for good conversation. If you don't want to be set down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant topics. Avoid talking about yourself unless you are asked to do so, People are interested in their problem not in yours. Sickness and death bore everybody the only one who willingly listens to such talk is a doctor, but he gets money for it. To be good conversationalist you must know not only what to say but how to say it, Be civil and modest. Don't over emphasize your own importance. Be mentally quick and witty, but don't hurt others with your wit, Don't bite your lips or click your tongue, or roll your eyes or use your hands excessively as you speak.

- (a) What is most easily teachable of all arts ?
- (b) What topic must one avoid in good conversation?
- (c) What subjects of conversation make one popular?
- (d) What should we not do while speaking?
- (e) The basic need of good conversation is:
 - (i) clarity in speech(ii) clarity in thought(iii) to talk about others(iv) find subject that interests both speaker and listener
- (1) What should be avoided in good conversation?
 - (i) Avoid unpleasant topics(ii) Avoid talk about others(iii) Avoid others' praise(iv) Avoid to talk about others' interest and problems
- (g) What pleases the listeners most?
 - (i) listeners' own interest(ii) speakers' own interest
 - (iii) speakers' interest in them(iv) topic of general interest
- (h) The most important thing in a good conversation is:
 - (i) to talk about your hobbies(ii) to talk about the other fellow's hobby
 - (iii) to talk about others(iv) to talk about general interest
- (i) Give synonym for 'modest'
 - (i) hobby(ii) sickness(iii) humble(iv) important
- (j) Give the opposite of the word 'willingly'
 - (i) cheerfully(ii) happily(iii) freely(iv) reluctantly

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (10Marks) 2024

India is one of the fastest growing economies in 2020. Poverty with close to 44 Indians escaping extreme Poverty every minute according to the world Poverty Clock. According to the Brooking report, today India has 73 million people living in extreme Poverty which makes up 5.5% of total population.

Two-third of people in India live in Poverty. 68.8% of the Indian population live on less than \$2 a day. Over 30% even have less then \$ 1.25 per day and such people are considered Poor. Most than 800 million people in India are considered poor. Most of them live in the countryside and keep loat with odd jobs. The lack of employment which Provides a liveable wage in rural areas is driving many Indians into rapidly growing metropolitan cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Bengalur. In 2019, the Indian government stated that 6.7% of its Population is below its official Poverty limit. According Oxfam India's top 1% of the Population now holds 73% of the wealth while 670 million citizens, comprising the country's Poorest half, saw their wealth rise by just 1%. As per the Tendulkar Poverty line, Poverty line, Poverty reduced from 14.9% in 2011 to 7.0% in 2017 the fastest Pace the country has seen yet so 2020 is extremely challenging year not only government and business, but also for those who are on the borderline of poverty fiscal, Monetary and policies, have to be designed in a way that provides a safety for those living at the brink of poverty lifting people out of poverty ought to be on top of the governments priority.

- (a) What percentage of the total Indian population is living in extreme poverty?
- (b) Who are considered extremely poor in India?

- (c) What does the study of Oxfam India focus on?
- (d) What should be the top priority of government?
- (e) Which state has the highest number of people living below poverty line?
- (i) Rajasthan (ii) Bihar (iii) Madhya Pradesh (iv) Uttar Pradesh
- (f) What percentage of the Indian population lives on less than Rs. 100 per day?
- (i) 68% (ii) 30% (iii) 40% (iv) 60%
- (g) In the line of "employment which provides a liveable wage." The word liveable does not refer to :
- (i) good enough (ii) acceptable (iii) frugal (iv) comfortable
- (h) Chose the option that is not true:
- (i) One third of people in India live in Poverty (ii) Corruption contributes to Poverty
- (iii) Chandigarh has the lowest number of people living below poverty line (iv) Poverty may develop due to limited resources
- (i) Poverty in India reduced at the fastest pace in :
- (i) 2010 (ii) 2012 (iii) 2015 (iv) 2017
- (j) The year 2020 is an extremely challenging year for:
- (i) The government (ii) The businessmen (iii) The people living on the border of Poverty (iv) All of these

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10 Marks) 2025

Corruption, terrorism, communalism, greed for power and wealth and the list of ailments that affect modern society continue. More than half the population of India is below the age group of 25 and the future of the country will only be bright if youngsters are equipped to deal with these ailments. A childhood is a storehouse of potential and it is important to nurture and develop these attributes from a very young age. Since they spend much of the time in school, the curriculum in school should be such that it enables children to understand, care and practise ethical values like respect, justice and civic sense. Education should aim to develop a sense of rights and duties as well as moral values like honesty, responsibility and respect for others. Moral education should be directed towards enhancing a child's ability to critically analyse situations, make decisions, empathize with people and work in cooperation towards a common goal. As a means of direct instruction to students school are very influential in the character development of a child and the methods of education affect the development of morally upright citizens who can bring about a much needed change in the country. The youth of today have to face a lot of problems like drug abuse, violent behaviour and family issues. They must be given moral values. A sound moral base would help a child make the right decisions. Schools in India have introduced moral education as part of their curriculum because they realise that morally sound citizens are the need of the hour. Since most children look up to their teachers as role models, it is most appropriate that they be the facilitators of moral values. Thus school should focus more on the personality development of children since it is one of the most important responsibilities of a school. School should take the initiative to mould children into better human beings so that they can make the world a better place to live in.

- (i) What is the role of the school curriculum? (1)
- (ii) Give opposite of 'Influential'. (1)
- (iii) What should the moral education focus at? (2)
- (iv) What is the role of School? (2)
- (v) What problems does the youth of today have to face? (2)
- (vi) What Initiative should the school take? (2)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (6 Marks) 2023

- (i) The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being.
- (ii) But, you ask, why are they called humming birds? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings - a motion so rapid, that as they fly, you can hardly see that they have wings. One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. It was about half the size of a very small hen and lays egg, and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibres and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum.
- (iii) When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely and even destroy your sight.

(iv) The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

(a) Where do we find the most beautiful humming birds around the world?

(b) Why such birds are called humming birds?

(c) The nest of the humming bird was about the size of a very small hen.

(i) double(ii) half(iii) same(iv) small

(d) The mother bird knows no other way of defending its

(i) wings(ii) nest(iii) young(iv) egg

(e) Give the meaning of the word 'dart'

(i) half(ii) walk(iii) dash(iv) slow

(f) The antonym of the word careful is (i) cautious(ii) watchful(iii) loving(iv) inattentive

2. Read the Passage given below and answer the questions: (6Marks) 2024

Novel Reading is good habit. Novels are a source of enjoyment and knowledge. No doubt they are based on imagination but they give us stories of human beings drawn from the various sections of the society. Novels are based on different themes. There are social, religious, historical and Psychological novels. Novels are found in different languages. They are translated from different languages. Novels have a variety of characters. They are tragic, comic and wooden characters. While reading novels. We come to know about the age in which they were written. Leo Tolstoy, Hardy Dickens, George Eliot and Jane Austim are world famous novelists. Some people say that novel reading is a mere waste of time. There are novels which are too long to finish within a few days. In reality novel reading is a good hobby. It makes us familiar with unknown events of the Past. Novels enlarge our vision and enrich our knowledge.

(a) What are the sources of knowledge and enjoyment?

(b) What type of characters do we find in Novels?

(c) Novels are based on

(i) imagination(ii) creativity(iii) Doing(iv) learning

(d) Which one is the world famous novelist.

(i) George Eliot(ii) Jane Austin(iii) Dickens(iv) All of these

(e) Write the meaning of the word 'Mere'

(i) manner(ii) only(iii) tact(iv) whether

(f) The opposite word of Tragic: (i) Joyful(ii) Horrid(iii) Awful(iv) Fierce

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions: (7Marks) 2025

We have been brought up to fear insects. We regard them as unnecessary creatures that do more harm than good. Man continuously wages war on them, for they contaminate his food, carry diseases or devour his crops. They sting or bite without provocation, they fly uninvited into our rooms on summer nights, or beat against our lighted windows. We live in dread not only of unpleasant insects like spiders or wasps, but of quite harmless ones like moths. Reading about them increases our understanding without dispelling our fears. Knowing that the industrious ant lives in a highly organised society does nothing to prevent us from being filled with revulsion when we find hordes of them crawling over a carefully prepared picnic lunch. No matter how much we like honey, or how much we have read about the uncanny sense of direction which bees possess, we have a horror of being stung. Most of our fears are unreasonable, but they are difficult to erase. At the same time, however, insects are strangely fascinating.

(i) What do we consider the insects?(1)

(ii) Why does man continuously wage war on insects?(1)

(iii) What is our attitude towards insects?(1)

(iv) What do we think of insects as creatures?(1)

(v) What insect is quite harmless?(1)

(vi) How do you think most of man's fears are? And tell what type of insects are?(2)

Grammar

Fill in the blanks with suitable modals. 4Marks 2023

(i) Walk carefully lest you fail. (a) can(b) may(c) could(d) should

(ii) This letter leave by today's mail. (a) might(b) can(c) could(d) would

(iii) I wish you tell me earlier. (a) should(b) would(c) must(d) shall

(iv) You respect your elders. (a) may(c) ought to(b) must(d) would

Fill in the blanks with correct form of tense (any two) : (2Marks) 2023

- (i) They..... (take) tea together.
- (ii) She(resemble) her father.
- (iii) The boys are..... (play) football.

Fill in the blanks with suitable models.(2024)

- (a) I there. appreciate your presence (i) can (ii) should (iii) will have (iv) Would
- (b) I..... wake up early to catch the flight tomorrow. (i) must (ii) can (iii) could (iv) Would have
- (c) The class is dismissed. You now. leave (i) should (ii) can (iii) need to (iv) ought to
- (d) You pay attention in the class. (i) can (ii) should (iii) may (iv) might

1. Choose the correct Modal verb. A servant obey his master. (2025)

- (a) can (b) might (c) must (d) should

1. Use the non-finite form of the given Verb in each sentence: 2 Marks (2023)

- (i) I like(go) there. (ii)..... (smoke) causes cancer.
- 2. Use the non-finite form of the given verb in each sentence: 2 Marks (2024)
- (a) The book was easy..... (read). (b) I saw him..... (leave) the office.
- 3. Choose the correct form of the non-finite It is no use for her. 1 Mark (2025)
- (a) to wait (b) waited (c) waiting (d) wait

1. Combine the following sentences using the connectors given in the brackets: 2 Marks (2023)

- (i) Strike the iron. It is hot. (While) (ii) Let us wait. The rain stops. (Until)
- 2. Combine the following sentences using the connectors given in the brackets. 2 Marks (2024)
- (a) He fell into bad habits. He became poor. (because)
- (b) You should wait here. I shall return soon. (until)
- 3. Fill in the blank with suitable connector A servant knows you better..... I know you. 1 Mark (2025)
- (a) as (b) than (c) Until (d) Since

Do as directed: (5 Marks) 2023

- (i) What a lovely picture! (Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (ii) Bad deed than a bad name worse is. (Rearrange to make a meaningful sentence)
- (iii) She handed Ram a letter. (Change the Voice)
- (iv) He said to me, 'Slow and steady wins the race' (Change the Narration)
- (v) I like coffee. (Change into Negative)

Do as directed: (5 Marks) 2024

- (a) How foolish I am! (Change into assertive sentence)
- (b) Water thicker is than blood. (Rearrange the words)
- (c) I said to the student, "The sum is stationary". (Change into the narration)
- (d) He is my friend (Change into Negative)
- (e) Post this letter. (Change the Voice)

Do as directed: (5 Marks) 2025

Rearrange the jumbled words from the following options.

- (i) Never / misfortunes / alone / come.
- (a) Misfortunes never alone come. (b) Misfortunes never comes alone.
- (c) Misfortunes alone come never. (d) Alone misfortunes never come.
- (ii) Change into Indirect speech : He Said, "I have my own choice".
- (a) He said that he have his own choice (b) He said that he had his own choice
- (c) He said that he has his own choice (d) He said that he will have his own choice
- (xiii) Choose the correct form of the non-finite It is no use for her.
- (a) to wait (b) waited (c) waiting (d) wait
- (xiv) Change indirect speech for the given sentence. The doctor said to the patient, "Give up Smoking".
- (a) The doctor advised the patient to gave up smoking. (b) The doctor advised the patient to give up smoking.
- (c) The doctor advised to the patient give up smoking. (d) The doctor advised the patient give up smoking.
- (xv) Fill in the blank by choosing correct option. We had reached the station before the train
- (a) has arrived (b) was arriving (c) had arrived (d) arrived
- (xvi) Choose the correct passive voice of the following sentences. He Killed a Snake.

- (a) A Snake has been killed by him. (b) A Snake would be killed by him.
(c) A Snake was killed by him. (d) A Snake is killed by him.

Writing Section-C(Writing)

Application

- 1.You are Naksh/Nitakshi, a student of Arya Public school Kangra. Write an application to the principal of your school,requesting him to remit the fine. (2023)
- 2.Write an application to the principal of your school for full Fee-Concession.(2024)
- 3.You are Riya/Mukesh of ABC School Himachal Pradesh.Your father has been transferred to Kullu.Your family is also going with him.Write an application to your Principal for School Leaving Certificate.(2025)

Letters

- 1.Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your sister's wedding.(2023)
- 2.Write a letter to your younger brother, advising him to avoid bad company in the School.(2024,2025)

Paragraph of 80 words (5Marks) -2023

- 1.Value of Books
- 2.My Aim in Life
- 3.The Republic Day

Paragraph of 60 words (4Marks) -2023

- 1.Any Festival
- 2.A Visit to a Fair
- 3.My Hobby

Paragraph of 80 words (5Marks) -2024

- 1.House on fire
- 2.My school library
- 3.My Best friend

Paragraph of 60 words (4Marks) -2024

- 1.The Importance of games
- 2.Diwali
- 3.An Ideal Teacher

Paragraph of 60 to 80 words (4Marks) -2025

- 1.Himachal Pradesh
- 2.Value of Games
- 3.The Person You Like Most
- 4.One Day Cricket Match

Literature

Book-Bee Hive-Lesson4-A Truly Beautiful Mind.

Read the passage and answer the following questions: 5Marks 2023

In 1900, at the age of 21, Albert Einstein was a University Graduate and unemployed worked as a teaching assistant, gave private lessons and finally secured a job in 1902 as a technical expert in the patent office in Bern. While he was supposed to be assessing other people's inventions, Einstein was actually developing his own ideas in secret. He is said to have jokingly called his desk drawer at work the bureau of theoretical physics."

- (i) When did he become a university graduate?
 - (ii) What did he do before he could get a job?
 - (iii) What job did he get?
 - (iv) When did he finally get a job?(a) in 1900(b) in 1808(c) in 1904(d) in 1902
 - (v) Find the word in the para which means as same as 'evaluating'.
- (a) assessing(b) jokingly(c) finally(d)teaching

Read the passage and answer the following questions:(5Marks) 2024

And then it was George's turn, and he trod on the butter I didn't say anything, but I come over and sat on the edges of the table and watched them. It irritated them more than anything I could have said. I felt that. It made them nervous and excited, and they stepped on things, and put things behind them and then couldn't find them when they wanted them;and they Packed the Pies and the bottom, and put heavy things on top, and smashed the pies in.

- (a) What did George do?
 - (b) What did the narrator feel when he was watching them?
 - (c) What could they not find and why?
 - (d) Who does 'they' in the Passage refer to?(i) Jerome K. Jerome(ii) George and Harris(iii)Montmorency(iv)Anonymous
 - (e) Give the Present form of the 'trod'
- (i) trod-trodden-treads(ii) treads-trod-to tread(iii)Treading-trodden-trod(iv)tread-trod-trodden

Book-Bee Hive-Lesson4-A Truly Beautiful Mind.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 5Marks 2024

While Einstein was solving the most difficult problems in Physics, his private life was unravelling. Albert had wanted to marry Mileva right after finishing his studies, but his mother was against it. She thought Mileva who was three years older than her son, was too old for him. She was also bothered by Mileva's intelligence. "She is a book like you", his mother said. Einstein put the wedding off.

- (i) What problem was Einstein solving?

- (ii) What did he want to do right after finishing his studies?
- (iii) Why had Einstein to put off his wedding with Mileva?
- (iv) What did Einstein's mother think about Mileva?
- (v) Find in the passage which means 'to postpone'?

Stanza:Poem-On Killing A Tree

Read the stanza and answer the questions :3Marks 2023

Along the sand he lay until observed and chased away, and now he vanishes in the ripples among the green slim reeds

- (i) What does 'he' refer to in these lines ? (ii) What happened when he was observed?
- (iii) The meaning of vanished is : (a)disappear (b)appear (c)stare (d)river

Poem1-The Road Not Taken 3Marks 2024

Read the stanza and answer the questions:

And both that morning equally lay. In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh! I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way Leads on to way!
I doubt if I should ever come back.

- (a) What were the two roads covered with?
- (b) What did the poet keep for another day?
- (c) The meaning of 'trodden' is: (i)Pathless (ii)unknown (iii)trampled (iv)trackless

Poem6-No Men Are Foreign 4Marks 2025

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :(4)

Remember they have eyes like ours that wake Or sleep, and strength and can be won By love. In every Land is common life That all can recognize and understand.

- (i) Who does 'they' refer to? (ii) How can we win 'their' strength?
- (iii) What can all recognize and understand? (iv) Name of the poem and poet.

Poem Question answers 2Marks

Wind2

What should we do to make friends with the wind?(1.5 marks)2025

Rain on The Roof3

What does the poet like to do when it rains?(2023,2025)2Marks

The Lake Isle of Innisfree4

What three things the poet want to do?When he goes back to innisfree?(2024)2Marks

A Legend of The Northland5

What did saint Peter ask the old lady for?What was the Lady's reaction?(2024) 2Marks

No Men Are Foreign6

How does the poet suggest that all the people on earth are the same?(2023) 2Marks

On Killing A Tree7

Can a ' simple jab of the knife' kill a tree?Why not?(2023,2025)2Marks

What is the meaning of" bleeding bark"?Make it bleed.(2024) 2Marks

Book-Bee Hive Questions

The Fun They had1

Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun?(2023) 5 Marks

What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?(2025) 1.5 Marks

The Sound of Music2

Who helped Evelyn to continue with Music?What did he do and say? (2024) 5Marks

When was Evelyn's deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?(2024) 8 Marks

The Little Girl3

What was Kezia's father's routine (a)before going to his office,

(b) after coming back from his office

(c)on Sunday?(2023) 8Marks

Who were the people in Kezia's family?(2025) 1.5 Marks

A Truly Beautiful Mind4

Why does the world remember Einstein as a "world Citizen"? (2024)5Marks

The Snake and The Mirror5

What different decisions did the doctor make while he was looking at himself in the mirror?(2024)5Marks

My Childhood6

How does Abdul Kalam describe ?(2024) 8Marks

(a)his father(b) his mother(c) himself

Reach For The Top7

Draw a comparison between Maria Sharapova and Santosh Yadav.(2023)8Marks

Write a character sketch of Santosh Yadav.(2025) 5 Marks

Kathmandu8

How does the author describe Kathmandu bazaar? (2023) 5Marks

Book-Moments

The Adventures of Toto

How does Toto almost boil himself alive?(2023) 4Marks and (2025) 5marks

How does Toto come to grandfather private zoo?(2024)2.5 Marks

Iswaran The Storyteller3

In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?(2024)4Marks

In The Kingdom Of Fools4

Why does the disciple decide to stay in the kingdom of fools?Is it a good idea?(2025)2.5Marks

How does Guru manage to save his disciple's life?(2025)5marks

The Happy Prince5

Why did the swallow not leave the Prince and go to Egypt?(2023)4Marks

For whom does the Prince send the sapphires and why?(2025)5Marks

Weathering the Storm in Ersama6

How has Prashant,a teenager been able to help the people of his village?(2024)4Marks

What did Prashant do for women and children?(2025)5Marks

The Last Leaf7

Do you think the fear Johnsy has,is common among the teenager?(2023)4Marks

What is Behrman's masterpiece?What makes Sue say so?(2024)4Marks

What is Johnsy's illness?What can cure her,the medicine or the willingness to live?(2025)2.5Marks

The Beggar9

Is Lushkoff a willing worker? Why, then, does he agree to chop wood for Sergei ?(2023)4 Marks and (2025) 2.5 Marks

Has Lushkoff become circumstances or by choice?(2024)4?Marks