1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

A recent trip to Lucknow was an instant eye-opener and a more instant stimulus to introspection.

The realization of self degradation started from the station itself. All set to fight the autowallah in Lucknow and accuse him of being a rude fleecer, I was stopped mid-sentence by his demeanour. He was mild, polished and totally agreeable to whatever I would pay him. He was sure I would not pay less than what the fare should be because he felt I had enough money to do so. Of course the respectful way he spoke to me took me completely off guard, and made me a wee bit ashamed. The aggression which one has to display all the time in Delhi, I realized was not needed here. In fact, it was shocking for the autowallah to encounter a presumptuous woman yearning for a fight.

That’s what Delhi does to you. It takes away your polish. Unlike Delhi, Lucknow prefers to stay away from hysterical momentum. It takes an easy pace of life, teaches residents to stay cool, enjoy food, take siestas and work without hitting the breakneck speed barrier. It has set its priorities right. It nurtures its young and it loves its old.

In Delhi, morning walkers go for expensive paraphernalia. You need to drive at least five kms to hunt for a park. Back in Lucknow simply walk out of your house and your walk begins. No traffic and no pollution.

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Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1. The author was all set to fight with the autorickshaw driver in Lucknow as
   (a) he expected her to pay more than was due
   (b) she was sure he would be unjust
   (c) her experience in Delhi had taught her to mistrust autowallahs
   (d) he was unbelievably discourteous

2. Your personality in Delhi becomes
   (a) negative and aggressive  (b) agreeable and submissive
   (c) polished and assertive  (d) negative and submissive

3. Morning walkers in Lucknow require
   (a) a park outside their house  (b) expensive paraphernalia
   (c) good sports gear  (d) almost nothing

4. The word ‘presumptuous’ in the passage means
   (a) modest  (b) rude
   (c) proud  (d) imaginative

5. The trip to Lucknow was an eye opener for the author because
   (a) she realized that every city in India needs to love its old and calm down its young
   (b) she realized that she was full of negativity
   (c) she had begun to doubt everyone around her
   (d) all of the above

2. In The Louse and the Mosquito, who said, ‘How can you be so cold in hospitality?’
   (a) King  (b) Mosquito
   (c) Guard  (d) Louse
3. In Cricket for the Crocodile, which subjects does the narrator’s mother want him to concentrate on?
   (a) Science and Maths  (b) Hindi and Science
   (c) History and Maths  (d) English and history

4. Tick the sentence which is in past continuous
   (a) We were listening to the radio all afternoon’
   (b) The sailor is sailing in his boat
   (c) The boys are playing football
   (d) They have been building the bridge

5. Who is the author of My Elder Brother?
   (a) Shakespeare  (b) Munshi Premchand
   (c) Peter H Jones  (d) Antonio De Santury

6. In the story ‘The Little Prince’ which one of the following asteroid did the prince visit?
   (a) Asteroid 439  (b) Asteroid 325
   (c) Asteroid 426  (d) Asteroid 427
DO IT RIGHT

You hope to do several things every day. At the end of the each day most of them are not done. You try using ‘to do’ list but discover in a short while that it is not helping you much. Tasks keep adding to it. In a few weeks, it starts looking like a list of things you will never do and you feel stressed about it.
Making a to do list is not enough. It is useful only when you understand the key aspects of it and work on it further. (2)

To begin with, recognize that a to-do list is only a pool of tasks. It is just a raw collection that gives you no idea of how you will get to it. To make it useful you have to define the ‘when’. Entering details about when you will do the different tasks, gives the to-do list a meaning. When you begin creating a schedule, your focus shifts to how long you have to work on each task to complete it. This way you are forced to be realistic about your goals. (3)

You cannot do all the tasks on the list on the same day. So, you should learn to prioritize. Rank the tasks on the using numbers or group them using letters of the alphabet, according to the order of importance. Now start according to the schedule where your schedule went wrong by paying close attention to how you are spending the day. (4)

Some of the possible reasons are: you waste time, made mistake in assessing how much time a task would take or deal with urgent tasks frequently. If the reason is wasting the time, learn to concentrate on your work. If you made a mistake in time assessment, prepare a more realistic schedule. (5)

Another way to prioritize tasks is based on the creative energy they require. Separate the tasks into creative and boring ones. This approach helps you to stay productive even during cheerless parts of the day. (6)

Making schedule for items in your to do list does not promise that all of them are accomplished. But you cannot least be strategic about what is left behind and feel happy that you achieved what you accommodated in the finite space. This way you can begin the next day on a confident note rather than feeling helpless and frustrated about failing. (7)

Fill in with one appropriate word in each blank: (4)

I. If you just (a) ________-to the to-do list without understanding the key concepts the task become (b) ____________. To (c) ______________your goals you should learn to (d) ________-the tasks according to the order of their importance.

II Find the opposite of the words given below, in the passage (2)

(a) Relieved Para (1) (b) Distract Para (5)

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow (7 Marks)

   The snail
   Leaving the safety of a rocky ledge

   (2)
The snail sets out
On his long journey
Across a busy path.
The grass is greener on the other side!
For tender leaf or juicy stem
He will brave the hazards of the road.
Not made to dodge weave or run,
He must wait each threatening step
Chancing his luck
Keeping his tentacles crossed!
Through all unaware
Of the dangers of being squashed,
He does not pause or flinch-
A cartwheel misses by an inch! –
But slithers on,
Intent on dinner
He’s there at last, his prize,
Rich leaf- mould where the grass grows tall
I salute you, snail.

Somehow you’ve made me quite small

(a) What is the poet’s attitude towards the snail?
(b) Why does the snail set out on a long journey?
(c) Explain the phrase ‘not made to dodge or weave or run’? What does the snail want to reach out to?
(d) What does the poet mean when he says ‘somehow you have made me quite small’?

SECTION B WRITING: 28 MARKS

3. Given below is the profile of Thomas Edward Lawrence, a renowned author. Write a short bio-sketch using the clues given below.

Birth : 1888
Popularity known as : Lawrence of Arabia
Born at : Tremadoc in Caernarvonshire

(3 marks) P.T.O.
Father : Sir Robert Chapman
Educated at : Oxford high school and Jesus College Oxford
Profession : Soldier, author, Archeologist
Translation published : The Odyssey of Homer (1932)
Death : 1935

4. Water conservation is the only way forward if we want sustenance of our future generations. The Jal Board has made an appeal to the R.W.A in your area to put up a poster for the community hall to raise awareness on the topic. Make the poster.

OR

The Delhi high court has made helmets compulsory for women pillion drivers on two wheelers. Draft a poster that can be put up by the Delhi police on the issue (6 marks)

5. You are Ravi and your friend Rohit has requested you to inform his mother that he will be staying in the school till 4:30 pm for Annual Day practice. He will have his lunch at school and he will be dropped home. On reaching his house, you find a lock on the door and decide to leave a message for his mother. Write the message in 50 words. (7 marks)

6. You visited the Red Fort last week and were appalled at the condition of the historic monument and its poor maintenance by the authorities. In addition, the careless and negligent attitude of the visitors who spoil the buildings by writing names and messages on the wall, domes etc worried you. Write an article for your school magazine in 150-20 words, highlighting the need for awakening a sense of pride in our heritage (10 marks)

SECTION C GRAMMAR: 16 MARKS

7. Change the following into Indirect speech (4 Marks)
   (a) Clinton said, "I am very busy now."
   (b) I asked Mohan, "Where is your pen?"
   (c) The teacher shouted, "Be quiet."
   (d) "The old woman said," Alas! My son is badly hurt."

8. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4 Marks)
   (a) by you/ the work/ be / will/ when/ finished/
   (b) before/ never/this man/ she/ had/ seen
   (c) courage/ everybody/ him/for/ praised/ his
   (d) days/ are/ sweet/ reminded of/ we/old/ the
9. There is an error in each of the following lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct number blank (4 Marks)

We see an advance in scientific a) _________
That could not have been dream b) _________
Science has teach us to generate great power. c) _________
the modern methods to communication d) _________
have shrink the world. e) _________
Every possible way have been devised f) _________
so that man can led a happy life g) _________
Yet there is a great tension in man life. h) _________

10. Fill in the blanks using conditionals other than ‘if’. (4 Marks)
(a) I am going swimming tomorrow, _________ it rains.
(b) You will top the class _________ you work hard.
(c) She cannot leave _________ she finishes her work
(d) He got scolded _________ it was not his mistake.

SECTION D LITERATURE 23 MARKS

11. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow (3 marks)
(i) ‘She smiled strangely, And never said a word’
   (a) Identify the poem and the poet (1)
   (b) Who does ‘she’ refer to in the lines? (1)
   (c) Why does she smile strangely and never say a word? (1)

12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow (4 marks)
One must demand of each and everyone what they are capable of. Authority is first and foremost based on reason”
   (a) Give the title of the lesson (1)
   (b) Name the speaker (1)
   (c) Explain these lines (2)

13. Answer the following questions in brief (5×2 =10 marks)
(a) Did the narrator and his brother share the same attitude towards studies? Give reasons for your answer.
(b) Nakoo had been given human characteristics by Ruskin bond. Support the statement

P.T.O.
(c) Do you think the louse was right in allowing the mosquito to stay in the king’s room? What should he have done?

(d) The rat in ‘The Little Prince’ serves an important purpose in the kingdom. Elaborate

(e) What does the phrase ‘The Quality of Mercy is not Strained’ mean?

14. Answer any one of the following question in 150 words (6 marks)

Imagine you are Harry from ‘Harry pushed her.’ Write a letter to a friend elaborating the emotional turmoil you are going through.

Or

You are Portia from ‘The quality of Mercy’. Make an entry in your diary detailing the events of the day in court and your role in the outcome.