

SECTION-A (READING SKILLS)

1. Read the text given below:

(1) Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

(2) A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.

(3) With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

(4) Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.....

Answer the following questions based on the above passage:

(i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Answer:

1. Highlighting the richness of the world's cultures.

2. Emphasizing the essential role of intercultural dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development.

(ii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para (2).

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and

creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis.

(A) the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics

(B) the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency

(C) questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency

(D) highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency

Answer: Option (D)

(iii) Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved.

Answer: By drawing upon the creative potential of diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

(iv) What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (4)?

Rationalise your response in about 40 words:

"Cultural diversity is an asset."

Answer: Positive and affirmative

(v) The phrase 'bridging the gap' in paragraph (4) refers to:

(A) widening the differences

(B) connecting two desperate ideas

(C) supporting the bridging

(D) filling in the space between two connected things

Answer: Option (D)

(vi) In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms.

a. richness and poverty

b. intellectual and moral

c. reduction and promotion

d. essential and intrinsic

e. urgent and crucial

Options:

- (A) a and c
- (B) b and e
- (C) d and e
- (D) b and d

Answer: Option (C)

(vii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted _____.

Answer: the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development.

(viii) Complete the following sentence:

_____ is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

Answer: Bridging the gap between cultures

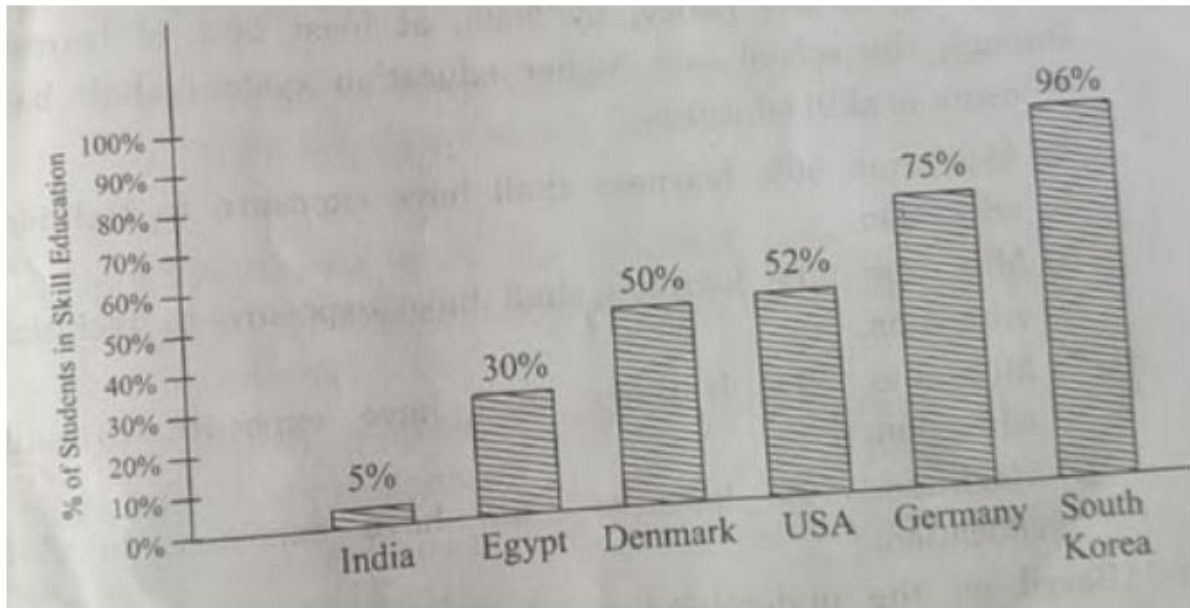
2. Read the extract given below:

(1) The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision and 10 Marks revamping of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.

(2) The policy aims to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.

(3) Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasizing the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.

(4) The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of 'academic' or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIS), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a Hub and Spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.



The Global Scenario of Students in Skill Education Sector.

Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions given below :

(i) Based on the reading of the extract, list 2 objectives of NEP 2020.

Answer:

1. Increase access to skill education
2. Integrate skill education into mainstream education

(ii) Fill in the blank with appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on the understanding of paragraph (4).

The statement :

"The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities" is a / an _____ (fact / opinion) because it is a / an _____ (subjective judgement / objective detail)

Answer: a fact, an objective detail

(iii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement given below :

"According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education."

- (A) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.
- (B) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(D) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

Answer: Option (C)

(iv) Based on the understanding of the passage, complete the following statement appropriately

The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be _____.

Answer: allowing other schools to access the facility of skill models.

(v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from paragraph (3) :

Racism : condemn :: _____ : respect

Answer: Racism : condemn :: Skill education : respect

(vi) As per the Global Scenario which country has the maximum percentage of students in Skill Education and what can be the possible reason?

Answer: South Korea - 96%

Reason: The possible reason for this could be the emphasis and importance laid on vocational and skill-based education in the country's education system.

SECTION - B (GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

In response to your query, the document that _____(explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

Answer: explains

(ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds.

Error	Correction

Use the above format for your response.

Answer:

Error	Correction
interestingly	interesting

(iii) Raashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Raashi's question.

Raashi: What challenges have you faced while volunteering?

Ratul: The main challenge is dealing with different personalities, but it's also a great learning experience.

Answer:

(iv) Read the dialogue between a librarian and a student.

Librarian: Welcome back! It's good to see you, young man!

Student: Thanks! I was overloaded with assignments, so I have not visited the library this week.

Based on the conversation above, report the dialogue between a librarian and a student by completing the sentence.

The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that _____ which had limited his recent visits to the library.

Select the correct option from those given below:

(A) he had been overloaded with assignments

(B) he has been overloaded with assignments

(C) he was overloaded with assignments

(D) he is overloaded with assignments

Answer: (C) he was overloaded with assignments

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the bracket, to complete the sentence:

The revised meeting agenda is attached and _____(this / those/ it) needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting.

Answer: it

(vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy.

We offers a 30-day return policy on all unopened products purchased from our websites.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

Answer:

Error	Correction
offers	offer

(vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign.

The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	activity	activities
(b)	goal	goals
(c)	younger	youth
(d)	is	are

Answer: Option (c)

(viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The internship at the tech startup had me _____ the potential of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

(A) feeling

(B) felt

(C) to feel

(D) feels

Answer: Option (A)

(ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: You look a little different today!

Customer: Yes, I just got a new haircut.

The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that _____.

Answer: he just got a new haircut

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair:

We have exciting news to share!

Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair.

(A) awarded

(B) was awarded

(C) had awarded

(D) has been awarded

Answer: Option (D)

(xi) Complete the line from a song by filling the blank with the correct option:

The morning dew captures your essence,
The flowers and grass _____ your colour,
The Sunrise embraces your arrival,
As the dawn welcomes a new day.

(A) reflect

(B) reflects

(C) reflected

(D) shall reflect

Answer: Option (B)

5. (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence:

The public health campaign aimed in increase awareness of the risks associated with underage drinking.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

Answer:

Error	Correction
in	to

SECTION - C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOK)

Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two:

(A) On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the 20th century a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences and created a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known. Now, in the last decade of the twentieth century, and my own eighth decade as a man, that system has been overturned forever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin.

(i) Explain the feelings of the narrator when he said; "I was overwhelmed with a sense of history."

Answer:

(i) The narrator feels overwhelmed with a sense of history on the day of the inauguration because he is witnessing a significant moment in the history of South Africa. The moment is all about the shift in power dynamics, signifying the end of decades of oppression and the birth of a new era built on equality and the establishment of a new order that recognizes the rights and freedoms of all people.

(ii) The system of racial domination has been replaced by a system that :

(A) confirms the education of the Blacks.

(B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.

(C) recollects the bitter experiences.

(D) focuses on personality development.

Answer: (B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.

(iii) Comment on the kind of society apartheid had created?

Answer:

Apartheid created a deeply unequal and oppressive society. It was characterized by racial segregation and discrimination, with white-skinned people having privileges and power over dark-skinned people.

(iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'patched up' in the given sentence from the extract:

"...the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences..."

Answer: resolved.

OR

(B) I started right away at the Montessori Nursery School. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form, my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress.

At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

(i) "In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration." State any one inference about Anne from the above context.

Answer: One possible inference about Anne that could be drawn from the above statement is that Anne's birthday celebration was affected due to her grandmother's illness. It suggests that Anne's major concern during that time was her grandmother's health rather than celebrating her birthday.

(ii) The first education of Anne started at

(A) some Kindergarten School

(B) a Nursery School

(C) Montessori Nursery School

(D) Elementary School

Answer: (C) Montessori Nursery School