Section A (Reading) – 20 Marks

Q1. Read the below passage carefully and answer the following questions. (10)

1.1 Plastics can be moulded in to any shape
They occupy less space
Waterproof

1.2 It is very difficult to dispose plastic bags. These bags are generally sold to rag-pickers or are thrown away as house refuse, which is dumped by scavengers at some dumping place. Rag-pickers scavenge through heaps of garbage and take away the plastics bags. Some of them are recycled. But most of them get moved in to landfills. These landfills end up becoming so polluted. (2)

1.3 Please accept relevant title with justification (2)

1.4 (ii) Advantages & disadvantages of using plastic bags (1)

1.5 (ii) Trees need to be cut to produce plastics (1)

1.6 (a) Dumping (1)
(b) Expansion (1)

Q2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (10)

2.1 He gave me some money (here gold refers to money) (c) (1)

2.2 Sympathy (b) (1)

2.3 The poor man gave food to the poet and took care of him day and night (c) (1)

2.4 The poor man blessed the charity of the poet (b) (1)

2.5 Charity (a) (1)

2.6 a) Sympathy is more valuable gift than charity (1)

b) Rhyming words: (2)

   cold - gold

   way - day

c) Money will help for survival but more than that heavenly sympathy is more important. (2)

Section B (Writing and Grammar) – 40 Marks

3) Content (2)
Q 6. Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate form of present/past continuous tense of the verb given in the bracket. (3)

a) is trying (1+1+1)

b) was reading

c) was writing

Q 7 Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences. Do not forget to punctuate your sentences. (5)

a) I lost my bag in the train. (1+1+1+1+1)

b) He grew up wisely

c) Nikita wants to speak to you

d) He fought for the freedom of India.

e) Silk, cotton and wool are fibres.

Q 8. Identify and write subject and predicate separately. (5)

a) Subject - A rich merchant , Predicate - was passing by the shoemaker's window (1+1+1+1+1)

b) Subject - Huge black bird , Predicate - Sitting on the roof of my house

c) Subject - The boy , Predicate - ate six mangoes

d) Subject - Dad , Predicate - bought a new car last week

e) Subject - Consumers , Predicate - do not like to spend too much

Q 9. Complete the following similes by filling in appropriate words. One option is extra. (5)

a) fox  b) lamb  c) rock  d) cucumber  e) lion (1+1+1+1+1)

Q 10. Write the most suitable conjunctions in these sentences. (3)

a) because  b) when  c) but (1+1+1)
Q.11 Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate form of past/present/future of the verb given in the bracket (4)
a) will buy (1+1+1+1)
b) cooked
c) take
d) go

Section C (Literature) - 20 Marks

Q12. Read the following extract and answer the below questions

12.1 a) A yew tree is a dark tree leaved evergreen deciduous tree which is traditionally planted in graveyard(1)

b) The refugee is speaking to his beloved(1)

c) A passport can’t renew ,it can’t blossom again. They want to renew their passports, but nobody is allowing them to. A tree is capable of renewing itself, but the passports can’t. This verse talks about helplessness and injustice to Jews. The emotion of helplessness is expressed that without passport they are like living dead without identity. (1)

12.2 a) The phrase that suggests that the child might have caused the jam stain on the kitchen wall is ‘about the size of a boy’s hand’. (1)

b) Naughty, undisciplined, sweet, funny, clever(Please accept any other relevant point)(1)

c) Son wants to state that they (he and his mother) won’t be able to find out the real culprit or ghost who has created so much chaos in their house. (1)

12.3 a) The Prince asked the Swallow to fly over his city and to report to him what he had seen during his day’s flight. (1)

b) The Swallow witness in the great city that the rich were making merry in their beautiful houses, while beggars were sitting at the gates. (1)

- He saw the faces of starving children on the street.
- Under the archway of a bridge, two little poor boys were very hungry and were lying in one another’s arm to keep themselves warm.

c) The Prince asked the Swallow to pluck leaf gold one by one and distribute them among the poor and the needy so that they could live comfortably. (2)

Q.13 Answer the following questions (2x5)

a) Moral of the story :
• Sacrifice –The Prince in his selfless service to the people and care for the same. He helped his people in every situation. Sacrifice comes out of love and care for others.
• Charity is another moral of the story for the kind of sacrifice and magnanimity that the prince has for the general benevolence of people. He does not mind if he goes blind or loses all the expensive materials he has in his body.
• Materialism –People see Prince no more beautiful when all his materials are absent. (Please accept any other correct point)

b) Mrs Pumphrey was worried because Tricki was not avoiding meal and even refused his favorite dishes. He had bouts of vomiting and spent all time lying on the rug.

c) Mrs Pumphrey thought that the dog’s recovery was a “Triumph Of Surgery” as Tricki recovered within few weeks and had transformed into a hard-muscled dog. When Tricki saw her, it leaped into her lap and licked her face. She declared Tricki’s recovery as a triumph of surgery to express her happiness and gratitude towards Mr. Herriot.

d) The narrator wished to return to Dehra as he did not want to go to England with his grandmother. His wish was granted when his grandmother passed away due to an illness in Lucknow, while they were on their way to England.

e) In the poem, the caged bird is singing: it wants to be “free.” This sets up freedom as an important idea in the poem. This is a poem about a bird wanting, but not being able, to get free. Birds should not be kept in any kind of cage as it’s a very miserable condition for birds. They are born to fly not to be caged. (Please accept any other relevant point)