

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024
ENGLISH

(For all categories of candidates)

Subject Code : 8010

Time : 3 hours 15 minutes

Total Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Section – A (Reading Skills)

22 Marks

I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

India's Moon mission Chandrayaan-3 is set to enter its crucial final stage today, as it prepares to land on the lunar surface at around 6:04 PM. According to ISRO, as of August 22, the mission is on schedule and its live telecast will begin on Wednesday at 5:20 PM.

Much has been made of the fact that if the Lander accomplishes a 'soft landing' on the Moon's south pole, it will make India the only country to do so. Once that happens, the Rover, which is a small vehicle that is meant to move around on the Moon's surface, will come out of the Lander Chandrayaan-3 took off for the Moon on July 14.

According to ISRO, the mission's three objectives are to demonstrate a safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, to demonstrate a Rover roving on the Moon and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

Soft landing simply means landing at a gentle, controlled speed to not sustain damage to a spacecraft. Amitabha Ghosh, a scientist for NASA's Rover mission to Mars, explained it thus : "Imagine a spacecraft hurtling through space, at 10 times the speed of an airplane, having nearly come to a standstill in order to land gently on the Earth—all is a matter of a few minutes and, more importantly, without any human intervention. This, in a nutshell, is a soft landing". Doing so, showcases a spacecraft's technical capabilities. The landing site is near the south pole of the Moon at 70 degrees latitude.

Turn Over

All of the previous spacecraft to have landed on the Moon have landed in the region near the Moon's equator, firstly because it is easier and safer here. The terrain and temperature are more conducive for a long and sustained operation of instruments. Sunlight is also present, offering a regular supply of energy to solar powered instruments.

The polar regions of the Moon, however, are different. Many parts lie in a completely dark region without sunlight, and temperatures can go below 230 degree celcius. This creates difficulty in the operation of instruments. In addition, there are large craters all over the place.

As a result, the polar regions of the Moon have remained unexplored. The extremely cold temperatures could mean that anything trapped in the region would remain frozen in time, without undergoing much change. The rocks and soil in Moon's north and south poles could therefore provide clues to the early Solar System. Notably, Chandrayaan -2 also planned to land in this region in 2019, but it was not able to accomplish a soft landing and lost contact after it hit the surface.

A. Answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option : **1×5=5**

(1) Chandrayaan-3 is set to land on the lunar surface at –

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| (a) 6:04 AM | (b) 6:04 PM |
| (c) around 6:04 PM | (d) around 6:04AM |

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(2) The live telecast will begin on –

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| (a) 23rd August at 5:20 P.M. | (b) 22nd August at 5:20 PM |
| (c) 23rd August at 6:04 PM | (d) 22nd August at 6:04 PM |

(3) Chandrayaan-3 took off for the Moon on –

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (a) August 23 | (b) August 22 |
| (c) July 14 | (d) June 14 |

- (4) The landing site of Chandrayaan-3 is near –
- (a) the east pole of the moon at 30 degrees longitude
 - (b) the south pole of the moon at 70 degrees longitude
 - (c) the south pole of the moon at 70 degrees latitude
 - (d) the north pole of the moon at 70 degrees latitude
- (5) In polar regions of the Moon, temperatures can be less than –
- (a) 230°C
 - (b) 250°C
 - (c) 70°C
 - (d) 900° C

B. Answer the following questions in 10 to 15 words :

1×5=5

6. Who is Amitabha Ghosh?
7. What is a rover ?
8. What are the objectives of this mission according to ISRO ?
9. Define a soft landing.
10. Why did Chandrayaan-2 fail to accomplish the mission?

II. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing on your mind?

If your answer is yes, then you should understand that you are not a robot. Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions and dreams. We all are meant to grow despite our circumstances and limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true feels great when life goes our way. But what happens when you fail despite all your hardwork? Do you stay down and accept defeat or do you get up again? If you tend to persevere and keep going, you have what experts call 'grit'.

Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising, embarrassing and scary human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the key to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self control, social intelligence and zest. Thomas Edison is an example of grit for trying more than 1,000 times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with lights on in your room, you will realize the importance of his success. When asked why he kept going despite hundreds of failures, he merely stated that they had not been failures; they were hundreds of attempts toward creating the light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

Grit can be learnt to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. (Mindfulness is a practice that makes an individual stay at the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quieten the noise of fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.

C. Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

Choose the correct option :

11. The reason why you are not a robot is that –

- (a) you fall miserably at tasks
- (b) failure and success can affect your emotions
- (c) you work hard
- (d) you have limitations

12. _____ was created after many attempts.

- (a) electricity (b) light bulb
(c) current (d) tube light

13. To develop perseverance one must –

- (a) become more aware
(b) work hard
(c) seek guidance
(d) be in the moment and be aware without judgement

14. Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'social intelligence' as implied in the passage –

- (a) knowing others (b) knowing oneself and others
(c) knowing oneself (d) knowing one's own surroundings

15. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

- (a) always aim for the best
(b) live life king size
(c) through mindfulness we can overcome the negative impact of failure
(d) social intelligence is crucial for a successful life

D. Answer the following questions in 10 to 15 words :

1×7=7

16. How are human beings different from robots?

17. What is the scariest human experience?

18. What was Thomas Edison's statement when asked about his failures?

19. How does mindful help?
20. Find out the word from the passage that means 'dedication'.
21. What kind of ability do the individuals have through simple practise of mindfulness?
22. What is the moral of the passage?

Section – B (Writing Skills)

18 Marks

23. As the Cultural Secretary of the school draft a notice in about 50 words informing all the students about Speech Competition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatsob. 4

Or

You are Amartya / Amrita, Head Boy/Girl of ABC English Medium School. Your school is soon going to publish its annual magazine next month. Draft a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board, addressing students of Class IX to XII, informing them to submit their write-ups for the magazine.

24. Write an advertisement in "Lost & Found" column of the local daily stating the loss of your file cover containing important documents from Belonia to Agartala in local train in not more than 50 words. <https://www.tripuraboard.com> 4

Or

You are Abir / Abira De, Principal of ABC English Medium School, Dharmanagar. You need an efficient, professional Librarian with proper education and relevant work experience for your school library. Draft an advertisement to serve your purpose, in about 50 words.

25. Write an application with bio-data for the post of Computer Teacher advertised in "Tripura Times", Agartala, by the Principal of Shikshaniketon H/S School, Jirania. You are Maluk/Aniket. Write in 120-150 words. 5

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a local English daily expressing your concern over the spread of Dengue in your locality. You are Pranjal/Prajna. Write in 120-150 words.

26. You are Aninda / Anindita of class XII. You are a member of Eco Club of your school. Write an article on "Environmental Pollution and its effects on us" within 120-150 words.

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Or

You are Dipti/Dipak of ABC School in Agartala. Your school has taken the responsibility of special coaching for the underprivileged students of your school. Write a report for your School Magazine on this in 120-150 words.

Section – C (Literature)

40 Marks

- III.** Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 1×6=6

"Fishermen in the cold sea

Would not harm whales

And the man gathering salt

Would look at his hurt hands".

27. Where do these lines occur?
28. Name the poet.
29. When would fishermen cease harming the whales?
30. Why do the salt gatherer's hands hurt?
31. What do these activities mentioned in these lines signify?

32. How can the quiet moments initiate non-violence?

Or

“When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie

Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.

The tigers in the panel that she made

Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid”.

- (i) Where have the lines been taken from?
- (ii) Of what or of whom is the Aunt terrified with?
- (iii) What do the tigers symbolize?
- (iv) How will the tigers behave after her death?
- (v) Name the poet.
- (vi) Which word in the above extract means “unpleasant or painful experience”?

IV. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1×4=4

The child will grow up to become the warrior of warriors, hero of heroes, champion of champions. But..... they bit their lips and swallowed hard. When compelled to continue, the astrologers came out with it. This is a secret which should not be revealed at all. And we are forced to speak out. The child born under this star will one day have to meet with its death.

33. Name the chapter.
34. Who is the author of this chapter?
35. Who has been referred to as ‘child’ in this extract?
36. What does the narrator mean by the phrase “They bit their lips”?

Or

DERRY : You think... Here's a boy. You look at me... and then you see my face and you think. That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw. 'You think, 'Poor boy'. But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be, I am. When I look into the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of mine.

- (i) Name the chapter.
- (ii) Who is the author of this extract?
- (iii) Why does Derry not want to be called 'Poor'?
- (iv) Why is everyone afraid of Derry according to him?

V. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1×6=6

The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and tobacco. The guest was informed at once that in his days of prosperity his host had been a crofter at Ramajo Ironworks and had worked on the land. Now that he was no longer able to do day labour, it was his cow which supported him. Yes, that bossy was extraordinary. She could give milk for the creamery everyday, and last month, he had received all of thirty kronor in payment.

- 37. Where is the above extract taken from?
- 38. Who is the author of this extract ?
- 39. What did the old man offer to the paddler ?
- 40. What was old man's profession?
- 41. What payment did he receive last month?
- 42. Who supported the old man?

Or

He had gone to the December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress Party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings, Gandhi recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated, and said, 'I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran, and I want you to come to my district'". "Gandhi had never heard of the place. It was in the foothills of the towering Himalayas, near the kingdom of Nepal.

- (i) Where do these lines occur?
- (ii) Name the author of the above extract.
- (iii) When did Gandhi go to Lucknow ?
- (iv) . Where did Rajkumar Shukla want Gandhiji to come?
- (v) What did Gandhiji tell the author about Rajkumar Shukla?
- (vi) Where is Champaran situated?

Answer any five of the following questions within 40-50 words : $2 \times 5 = 10$

43. Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.
44. The peasants were themselves the most crucial agents in the success of Champaran Civil Disobedience. Explain.
45. Why was the crofter so friendly and talkative with the peddler?
46. How does Keats define a thing of beauty?
47. Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?
48. What is the message of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'?

Answer any two of the following questions within 40-50 words : $2 \times 2 = 4$

49. When did the Tiger king decide to get married?
50. Why does Mr. Lamb leave his gate always open?

51. What is the theme of 'Memories of Childhood'?

Answer any one the following questions within 120-150 words : 5×1=5

52. Write in your own words the substance of the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-six'.

53. Who was Edla? How did she bring about a change in the peddler?

Answer any one the following questions within 120-150 words : 5×1=5

54. Sketch the character of the tiger king as you find him in the story 'The Tiger King'.

55. How is Mr. Lamb responsible behind the transformation?

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