

Part – I**Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words. (2 × 1 = 2)**

- Aditya and the narrator reached a point where the road *bifurcated*. (SEP-2021, MAY-2022)
a) restrained b) combined c) divided into two d) conditioned
- The owner of the tea shop, now over sixty, a little *rustic* in appearance. (SEP-2021, AUG-2022)
a) old b) typical countryside c) traditional d) modern

Part – II**Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words. (2 × 1 = 2)**

- A portion of a wall of the attic had *crumbled* down. (SEP-2021)
a) withered b) attached c) broken d) taken
- The spoilt child of *affluent* parents. (MAR-2024)
a) influenced b) wealthy c) happy d) poor

Part – III**Answer the following questions in a sentence or two. (3 × 2 = 6)**

- What did Aditya offer Sanyal? (JULY-2024, JUNE-2023, MAY-2022)
- Where was Nagen uncle's shop? (AUG-2022)
- Why was the attic a favourite place for the children? (SEP-2021)

Part – IV**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions. (2 × 2 = 4)**

- A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring* (JULY-2024)
a) What was the routine of the cricket?
b) Name the seasons mentioned here.
- At last by starvation and famine made bold
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold* (MAR-2024)
a) What made the cricket bold?
b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

Part – V**Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences. (2 × 1 = 2) (JUNE-2023)**

- celebrated / at / festivals / sea / We
- was / alone / The / seagull / young / his / on / ledge

Part – VI**Punctuate the following sentence. (2 marks) (APRIL-2023)**

were you not a good student i asked

- A stranger wants to go to the commissioner office. Guide him to reach his destination. (2)

