

Subject- English

Section-A [Reading]

Views on selfie

1. 'Selfie' is defined as a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically taken with a smart phone or web cam and shared via social media. But because it seems to be all the rage to be negative about popular things, many people have labelled selfie-taking as negative. Teenagers with an affinity for taking pictures of themselves are considered to be 'self-absorbed', or it is suggested that perhaps they spend too much time wallowing in their own narcissism.
2. While there could be a case for such thinking, I think that people labelling selfie-taking teenagers as self-obsessed are simplifying things. I fail to understand why actually liking yourself and sharing that self-love with others through social media is seen as negative and why those who do it should be scorned. People are basically taking selfies because they can, and the easy access to portable camera phones makes it easy.
3. The great thing about selfies is that they allow you to control your image. If you are taking the picture, you do not give someone else the power to manipulate how you look. They allow you to put yourself 'out there' and let the world know that you exist. Andrea Letamendi, a clinical psychologist and research fellow at UCLA, noted in a study and was quoted in a Time magazine article as saying, "Self-captured image allow young adults and teens to express their mood states and share important experiences."
4. Selfies are sometimes more than just trying to look pretty. They can be about empowering yourself and sharing that feeling with others.
5. There is an overwhelming pressure in society today that

we must all be beautiful, skinny and perfect, like a lot of the celebrities and models that we see in magazines, on TV and in movies. There's an entire industry of diet pills, cosmetics and hundreds of other appearance-changers that prey on people's (both women and men) lack of self-esteem. It's depressing to feel that you aren't good enough or aren't pretty enough or anything like that. In a world where teenagers are under constant scrutiny, I see no problem with us trying to find ways to love ourselves. If taking a pretty photo and sharing it with others completes that, then so be it.

Questions

1. What is thought about teenagers who are fond of taking selfies? (3)
2. What is the author's opinion about people who post their selfies on social media? (3)
3. How does taking selfies allow us to control our image in other's minds? (3)
4. What very strong pressure is there on people in society today, according to the passage? (3)
5. The word ..... in para 1 is the antonym of 'modesty'. (1)
6. The word ..... in para 2 means the same as 'rebuffed'. (1)
7. Which of the following words means the opposite of 'self-esteem' in para 5? (1)  
(a) humility (b) deprecation  
(c) criticism (d) worthlessness

Section B [Writing]

2. Increasing prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. You are Kamini/ Karan. Write an article describing the causes, possible solutions and how students can help their parents to cope with the problem. 10
3. In our society we do not give to our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are starved, stalked and even molested. We need to change the male mindset about women. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. You are Lalit/ Latha

## Section-C | Grammar

- 4.1. (i) Change any following sentences into indirect form of speech: 2  
My father said to me, "Don't worry".
- (ii) Combine the following sentences as directed within the brackets: 2  
She heard the news. She fainted. [simple sentence]
- (iii) Transform the following sentences as directed within the brackets: 2  
He would have written a letter to his father. [passive voice]
- (iv) Correct the following sentences: 2  
The canberra is the capital of Australia.
- (v) Use the following idioms/ phrases in your own sentences so as to make their meanings clear: 2  
Bring about
- II. (i) Choose the synonym of the given word from the following options: 2  
Embrace  
(a) Accept (b) Reject (c) Disturb (d) Exclude
- (ii) Choose the antonym of the given word from the following options: 2  
Approached  
(a) Advanced (b) Removed (c) Departed (d) Rested
- (iii) Use the following words in the sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clear: 2  
(a) Decent (b) Dissent
- (iv) Substitute one word for the following group of expressions: 2  
A crowd of listeners
- (v) Choose the option that contains a one word substitution for the given phrase. 2  
A person who is fond of fishing.  
(a) Indelible (b) Hearse (c) Angler (d) Idolatry
5. Translate the following in to English: 5  
प्रत्येक व्यक्ति, गुरु नानक के नाम से अथवा नरक परीक्षित 24 भक्षण में पढ़ते, लिखते तथा

लेखते व उनकी कृति नहीं थी। एक दिन उनकी पिता ने उन्हें बरा रूपसे दिए और बाजार से कुछ आवश्यक चीजें लाने के लिए कहा। बाजार जाते समय मागे वे उन्हें कुछ राशु मिले तो बहुत मूल्य में। उन्होंने सारे पैसे सापुओं को नौजम खिलाने पर खर्च कर दिए और बिना कोई वस्तु खरीदे घर वापस आ गए। जब उनके पिता को इस बारे में पता चला तो उन्होंने गुरु नानक से कुछ भी नहीं कहा। किन्तु उन्होंने विचार किया कि भविष्य में उनका पुत्र ऐसा महान बनेगा जिसका सम्मान सब करेंगे।

## Section-D | Literature |

6. Answer the following questions: 7
- (a) Why did Gandhi decide to go to Muzaffarpur before going to Champaran? 4
- (b) How did Douglas introduction to the YMCA pool revive his childhood fear of water? 4
7. Answer the following questions: 7
- Why did the iron master invite the peddler to his home? Why did the latter decline it? 7
8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 7
- "Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool  
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band  
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand."**
- (a) What is Aunt Jennifer's mood? 2
- (b) Why are her fingers fluttering? 2
- (c) Why is uncle's wedding band heavy? 2
9. Give the central idea of any one of the following poem: 4
- (a) Keeping Quiet (b) A Thing of Beauty  
(c) Aunt Jennifer's, Tigers.
10. Answer the following questions: 8
- (a) Why did Jo feel that the Skunk's mommy was stupid? 4
- (b) Why had Hana to wash the wounded man herself? 4
11. Answer any one of the following questions: 7
- (a) What are phytoplankton? How are they important to our eco-system? 7
- (b) What are benefits did Derry reap from his association with Mr. Lamb? 7