

S. Number of Question Paper answered:  
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Semester : I  
Duration : 3 + 1 hours  
Maximum Marks : 75

**Each question carries 25 marks. Attempt any *three* out of six questions :**

**Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

On the afternoon of 17 March 1978, the weather took an odd turn in north Delhi. Mid-March is usually a nice time of year in this part of India: the chill of winter is gone and the blazing heat of summer is yet to come; the sky is clear and the monsoon is far away. But that day dark clouds appeared suddenly and there were squalls of rain. Then followed an even bigger surprise: a hailstorm.

I was then studying for an MA at Delhi University while also working as a part-time journalist. When the hailstorm broke, I was in a library. I had planned to stay late, but the unseasonal weather led to a change of mind and I decided to leave. I had just passed a busy intersection called Maurice Nagar when I heard a rumbling sound somewhere above. Glancing over my shoulder I saw a grey, tube-like projection forming on the underside of a dark cloud: it grew rapidly as I watched, and then all of a sudden it turned and came whiplashing down to earth, heading in my direction.

Across the street stood a large administrative building. I ran around to the front of the building. Spotting a small balcony, I jumped over the parapet and crouched on the floor.

The noise quickly rose to a frenzied pitch, and the wind began to tug fiercely at my clothes. Stealing a glance over the parapet, I saw, to my astonishment, that my surroundings had been darkened by a churning cloud of dust. In the dim glow that was shining down from above, I saw an extraordinary panoply of objects flying past—bicycles, scooters, lamp posts, sheets of corrugated iron, even entire tea stalls.

I buried my head in my arms and lay still. Moments later the noise died down and was replaced by an eerie silence. When at last I climbed out of the balcony, I was confronted by a scene of devastation such as I had never before beheld. Buses lay overturned; scooters sat perched on treetops; walls had been ripped out of buildings, exposing interiors in which ceiling fans had been twisted into tuliplike spirals. The place where I had first thought to take shelter, the glass-fronted doorway, had been reduced to a jumble of jagged debris. The panes had shattered and many people had been wounded by the shards.

Long afterwards, I am not sure exactly when or where, I hunted down the Times of India's New Delhi edition of 18 March. I still have the photocopies I made of it.

'30 Dead,' says the banner headline, '700 Hurt As Cyclone Hits North Delhi'.

Source: The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable by Amitav Ghosh

**A. Read the following statements and write the correct answer on the basis of the above passage : (10 x 2 = 20 marks)**

- (i) The author describes the events of March 18th. True/ False/ Not given.
- (ii) The author heard a rumbling sound when he was in a library. True/ False/ Not given.
- (iii) When the hailstorm broke, the author was with his friend. True/ False/ Not given.
- (iv) What is described as an odd turn?
  - a. The hailstorm
  - b. The blazing heat
  - c. The chill of winter
  - d. the monsoon
- (v) What did the author witness when he finally climbed out of the balcony?
  - a. 30 dead and 700 hurt
  - b. Flying lamp posts and bicycles
  - c. Overturned buses
  - d. Flying tea stalls
- (vi) What is the meaning of the word 'heading' in the following sentence? "it grew rapidly as I watched, and then all of a sudden it turned and came whiplashing down to earth, heading in my direction."
  - a. The title of an article
  - b. To lead
  - c. Moving
  - d. Hitting the ball with one's head
- (vii) What does the phrase, 'at last' mean:

- a. Finally
- b. The last one
- c. At once
- d. Just before the end

(viii) Identify the opposite of rarely:

- a. A Seldom
- b. Hardly
- c. Frequently
- d. Never

(ix) I had just passed a busy **intersection** called Maurice Nagar ... Identify the meaning of the word in bold:

- a. A place where two or more roads cross
- b. Within a section
- c. A bend in a road
- d. A building

(x) The noise **quickly rose** to a frenzied pitch. Identify the opposite of the expression in bold:

- a. Slowly fell
- b. Sudden fall
- c. An ugly flower
- d. None of the above

**B.** Describe any turbulent weather you have experienced. **Answer in 100 words: (5 marks)**

**Q2.** Review an online series you watched recently in about 500–600 words. (25 marks)

**Q3. A.** You lost your wallet while travelling in the metro. Write a dialogue with one of your parents regarding your loss with at least ten exchanges. (20 marks)

**B.** Prepare a twitter post on the loss in about 40-50 words. (5 marks)

**Q4.** You are applying for an internship at the Indian Express. Prepare a CV containing all the relevant information along with a covering letter. **(15+10 marks)**

**Q5. A.** Prepare a blog post on the online classes during this semester highlighting the challenges you had to face. **(15 marks)**

**B.** Write a note in about 150 words on your experiences of online classes to be posted on Facebook. **(10 marks)**

**Q6.** Write a diary entry on your recent visit to a friend's family to celebrate one of their festivals in about 500-600 words. **(25 marks)**