

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO. 1, ROORKEE

AUTUMN BREAK HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Class: XI **Subject:** English Core (301) **Duration:** 10 Days

Section A: Reading Skills

Q1. Unseen Passage (Reading Comprehension)

Read any one editorial or informative article from an English newspaper or a reliable magazine. The article should be related to education, technology, the environment, or student life.

Write the following:

- Title and source of the article.
- Main idea in 40–50 words.
- Five important points learned from it.
- Two new words with their meanings and sentences.

Q2. Advertisement Writing

Draft a classified advertisement in about 50 words for the sale of a second-hand bicycle in good condition. Include the important details and contact information.

Q3. Grammar Practice

Prepare and solve:

- Five questions on gap-filling using tenses.
- Five questions on reordering of words or phrases to form meaningful sentences.
- Five questions on editing or omission.

Use examples appropriate to the Class XI English Core syllabus.

Section C: Literature

Q4. Hornbill – Prose

Answer any two questions in 80–100 words each.

- a. How does *The Portrait of a Lady* present the changing relationship between the narrator and his grandmother?
- b. What does *We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together* teach us about courage, teamwork, and determination?
- c. How does *Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues* connect scientific investigation with historical curiosity?

Q5. Hornbill – Poetry

Answer any one question in 80–100 words.

- a. How does the poem *A Photograph* explore the passage of time and the pain of loss?
- b. What message does the poem *The Laburnum Top* convey through its description of nature?

Q6. Snapshots – Supplementary Reader

Answer any two questions in 80–100 words each.

- a. How does *The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse* explore honesty and family reputation?
- b. What does *The Address* reveal about the emotional impact of war and the loss of one's home and possessions?
- c. How does *Mother's Day* highlight the need to recognise and respect the contribution of mothers?

Note: Attempt only those questions that correspond to the chapters completed in your class. Replace any question from an untaught chapter with a question from a chapter already covered.

Section D: Creative and Enrichment Activity

Q7. Literary Expression

Choose any one of the following activities:

- a. **Character Profile:** Prepare a character profile of the grandmother from *The Portrait of a Lady*, highlighting her appearance, values, habits, and relationship with the narrator.
 - b. **Poetry Appreciation:** Prepare a one-page appreciation of *A Photograph*, including its central idea, poetic devices, tone, and message.
 - c. **Book Review:** Read a short story or a book suitable for your age group and write a review in 150–200 words, mentioning its title, author, theme, favourite character, and what you learned.
- Use one A4 sheet and include a relevant illustration only if it adds value.

Section E: Speaking and Listening

Q8. Listening and Reflection

Listen to a short English news bulletin, educational podcast, or a talk of 3–5 minutes.

Happy Holidays! Read, reflect, and return refreshed.