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CLASS XI SUBJECT: ENGLISH (CORE)

M.M. 80 TIME: 3:00 Hrs.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. This paper is divided into FOUR sections, A, B, C and D:-
   Section: A [Reading] 26 Marks
   Section: B [Grammar] 07 Marks
   Section: C [Creative Writing Skills] 16 Marks
   Section: D [Text Books] 31 Marks
3. All sections are compulsory.
4. Separate instructions have been given for each section and each question. Follow the instructions carefully.
5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION: A (READING) 26 MARKS

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - 10 marks

1. Each day is a chance to invest in life; a chance to renew yourself, to shed yesterday's skin, to unburden yourself to get rid of yesterday's hurt. Be glad of life each day as it gives you a chance to work, love and play, and to look at the sun. And then the sun sets, don't cry-the tears will make you miss the beauty of the stars

2. Life moves on and if you don't stop and look at the wonders already present in your life, you will miss life altogether.

3. Think of big thoughts but relish the small joys life offers you each day. May be it's as simple as smiling at someone. For, that could be the last day of life- for you or for other person.

4. A small genuine act from you will cost you nothing but it could mean everything to somebody that day. Life is a succession of moments. Live each moment. Life has no romance without risk. All actions carry some amount of risk, may be less or more but the element of risk is always present.

5. If there is no wind, row. Make things happen rather than let things happen. One can give nothing whatsoever without giving oneself, risking oneself. The most important thing in life is not what you get but what you give.

6. Once a preacher called at the home of a very poor family. When he came out, he found one son admiring his new car, so the preacher explained that he had received it as a gift from his brother.

7. Most lad would say, "I wish I had a brother like that." But this one said, "Mister, I wish I could be a brother like that."

8.If you are not enjoying this journey, for sure you won't enjoy the destination. It will become a moment to dread, not a moment you can actually look forward to. It's not what happens that determines our future, but what you do about what happens that counts.

9. Conquer the mind and you conquer the world. Looking back strains your neck muscles. Similarly, living in the past strains your life. Don't dwell on the past. Have faith in yourself and you will have faith in others. Fulfil your destiny. Remember no one can make you unhappy without your consent.

10. The way you cope with life, is what makes the difference. Even peace of mind is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it. You have to reach out to other people. That will teach you to forgive people and also forgive yourself.
11. Forgiveness means letting go of the past. Compassion is about stepping outside yourself. A kind compassionate act is often its own reward. Live your life without complaining, just like the tree.

Q.1. On the basis of the reading of the above passage answer the questions that follow:-

(i) Why should we be glad of each day?
(a) Because we are more mature each new day.
(b) Because we have more energy.
(c) Because we are free of yesterday.
(d) Because we can live life, work and enjoy each new day.

(ii) We should not dwell on the past because……..
(a) we should learn from our mistake in the past.
(b) the past does not allow us to progress.
(c) our mistakes and failures in the past can depress us.
(d) the past will never come back.

(iii) ' If here is no wind, row' in paragraph 5 means……..
(a) if circumstances are adverse, make them favourable.
(b) let the situation improve on its own.
(c) take advice and follow it.
(d) do not blame others for your problems.

(iv) What does the lad's answer suggest to you?
(a) He wants to be rich. (b) He wants to be able to give.
(c) He does not love his brother. (d) He does not think highly of those who ask.

(v) Explain in one or two sentences the phrase 'make things happen'.

(vi) Figuratively, the words 'journey' and 'destination' in para (8) can be replaced by….
(a) travel…..vehicle. (b) efforts…. results.
(c) process…. ingredients. (d) passage…. tunnel

(vii) Complete the following analogy choosing one word from para (4)
Component: Element:: Series: _____

(viii) Complete the following analogy choosing one word from para (10 &11)
Presence: Absence::Agreement:_____

(ix) Write **True** or **False**
Peace of mind means absence of conflict in life.

(x) Find a word which means the same as 'to move a boat using oars'. (Para 5)

2. Read the following passage:- 8 marks

A tornado is a violent rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground. The most violent tornadoes are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds up to 300 mph .They can destroy large buildings, uproot trees and hurl vehicles hundreds of yards. They can also drive straw into trees. Damage paths can be an excess of one mile wide to fifty miles long. Most tornadoes form from thunderstorms. A change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere. Rising air within the updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal to vertical. An area of rotation, 2-6 miles wide, now extends

through much of the storm. Most strong and violent tornadoes form within this area of strong rotation.

Several conditions are required for the development of tornadoes and the thunderstorm clouds with which most tornadoes are associated. Abundant low level moisture is necessary to contribute to the development of a thunderstorm and a 'trigger' (perhaps a cold front or other low level zone of converging winds) is needed to lift the moist air aloft. Once the air begins to rise and becomes saturated, it will continue rising to great heights to produce a thunderstorm cloud, if the atmosphere is unstable. An unstable atmosphere is one where the temperature decreases rapidly with height. Atmospheric instability can also occur when dry air overlays moist air near the earth's surface. Finally, tornadoes usually form in areas where winds at all levels of the atmosphere are not only strong, but also turn with height in a clockwise or veering direction.

Tornadoes can appear as a traditional funnel shape or in a slender rope-like form. Some have a churning smoky look to them, and other contain 'multiple vortices' which are small, individual tornadoes rotating around a common centre.

Even others may be nearly invisible, with only swirling dust or debris at ground levels as the only indication of the tornado's presence.

The Fujita Tornado intensity Scale:-

Classification	Wind Speed	Damage
F0	40-72 mph	mild
F1	73-112 mph	moderate
F2	113-157 mph	significant
F3	158-206 mph	severe
F4	207-260 mph	devastating
F5	261-318 mph	incredible
F6	319-379 mph	inconceivable

Q.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:-

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage?

In an unstable atmosphere, the temperature decreases rapidly with heights.

Select from the following:-

(a) **True—**if the statement agrees with the information.

(b) **False**—if the statement contradicts the information.

(c) **Not given**—if there is no information on this.

(ii) Complete the following sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:-

The range of damage path of tornado can be…….

(a) 2-3 miles (b) 1-50 miles (c) 3-7 miles (d) 10-15 miles

(iii) Complete the following sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:-

The major cause for the development of thunderstorms is…….

(a) abundant low level moisture (b) difference in temperature

(c) high humidity (d) high pressure

(iv) Pick the option showing the correct use of the word 'debris'.

(a) Debris are good for the environment.

(b) He is a good debris.

(c) Debris from the train explosion was scattered from here and there.

(d) I cannot believe the debris he said.

(v) A tornado with a wind speed of 143 mph would be assigned which classification?
(vi) A district reports a wind speed ranging about 215 mph. What damaging effect will the tornado have?
(vii) What are the causes of unstable atmosphere?
(viii) Complete the following sentence:-
Tornadoes usually form in areas where winds are……..

3. Read the following passage: 8 marks

Effective speaking depends on effective listening. It takes energy to concentrate on hearing and to concentrate on understanding what has been heard. Incompetent listeners fail in a number of ways. First they may drift. Their attention drifts from what the speaker is saying. Second, they may counter. They find counter arguments to whatever a speaker may be saying. Third, they compete. Then, they filter. They exclude from their understanding those parts of the message which do not readily fit with their own frame of reference. Finally, they react. They let personal feelings about speaker or subject over side the significance of the message which is being sent.

What can a listener do to be more effective? The first key to effective listening is the art of concentration. If a listener positively wishes to concentrate on receiving a message, his chances of success are high. It may need determination. Some speakers are difficult to follow either because of voice problems or because of the form in which they send a message. There is then a particular need for the determination of a listener to concentrate on what is being said.

Concentration is helped by alertness. Mental alertness is helped by physical alertness. It is not simply physical fitness, but also positioning of the body, the limbs and the head. Some people also find it helpful to their concentration if they hold the head slightly to one side. One useful way for achieving this is intensive note making, by trying to capture the critical headings and sub headings the speaker is referring to.

Note taking has been recommended as an aid to the listener. It also helps the speaker. It gives him confidence when he sees that listeners are sufficiently interested to take notes, the patterns of eye contact when the note taker looks up can be very positive; and the speaker's timing is aided he can see when a note taker is writing hard and can then make effective use of pauses.

Posture too is important. Consider the impact made by a less competent listener who pushes his chair backwards and slouches. An upright posture helps a listener's concentration. At the same time, it is seen by the speaker to be positive feature amongst his listeners. Effective listening skills have an impact on both the listener and the speaker.

Q 3. (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Give the passage a suitable title.

5 marks

(b) Write the summary of the passage in your own words in about 80 words. 3 marks

SECTION B: (GRAMMAR) 7 MARKS

Q.4 Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: - ½ x 6 = 3

Once there was a king. He …….(a)……(know) for his benevolence. Every day he used to …….(b)……. (feed) and ……(c) ……(clothe) the hungry and poor before he …..(d) …… (take) his food. He……. (e) ……(do) so for many years. He……(f)…….. (love) by his subjects.

Q.5. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences **(ANY FOUR)**: - 4

(a) to/her/ all/her friends/birthday/next week/ party/ she is inviting

(b) architecture/ I would/like to/books/on/ look at/ Indian /the

(c) than/ mist /no sooner/ did/ the/ the/ disappeared /sun / rise

(d) began to/ the station /cards / the train / when / play /whistled off / we /from

(e) where/ a / and / for reading / are / a library / stored / place / books /is / kept

SECTION: C (CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS) 16 MARKS

Q.6. a. You are Bholu/ Binita, living at M/49 Jagat Vihar Colony, Bilaspur. You want to sell off your car. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of the local news paper giving its details and the price expected. 3 marks

OR

b. You are the Principal of Dayanand English Medium School, Jabalpur (M.P.). You require a trained graduate Teacher (English) for your school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words for the 'Situation Vacant' column of 'The Hindustan Times' stating essential and desirable qualifications, experience etc. of the candidates.

Q.7.a. You are the Creative Director of Disaster Management, Govt. of India. You want to make people aware about earthquakes. Draft a poster in not more than 50 words to be published in the newspaper.

OR 3 marks

b. You are the Director of Agriculture Organisation Chhattisgarh. You have to make the people all over the state aware of the necessity of conserving water and also how to do it. Design a suitable poster in 50 words to be published the news paper as well as to be put up at prominent places in the towns of Chhattisgarh.

Q.8. a. You are Atharv/ Ankita, a student of Class XI. You have to deliver a speech during the morning assembly of your school on the topic 'Education gives one power'. You have jotted down the following notes:-

Education-trains the mind-sharpen skills-source of power-improves self- be independent-earn money-ignorance to knowledge-removes superstition-develop a free spirit-important for women-free—independent.

Write your speech in 120-150 words. 5 marks

OR

b. The number of HIV positive people is increasing exponentially. Many people who are infected don't suspect they have acquired the infection because they don't belong to the so- called high-risk groups. Additionally many others are unaware of the disease. As a volunteer of the National AIDS Foundation, draft a speech for the students of classes IX-XII on the causes, spread and prevention of this HIV/AIDS using 120-150 words. You are Uday/Vineeta

Q.9. Some people feel that ' Electronic media (TV news) will bring about the end of Print media (news paper)'. Write a debate in 120-150 words either for or against this view. 5 marks

Hints:- Electronic media - use of visuals on TV *Authentic and fast* Not enough news for 24 hour telecast *May fabricate news *Becomes repetitive and dull * Even scandals become news *

Print media –time tested * Analysed, verified news * Editorial comments *Cater to all interests

OR

Akriti/ Aditya is preparing a debate on the topic "Life in a village is better than life in the city" Using the cues given below write a debate in 120-150 words expressing your views either for or against the motion.

Village *peace and quiet* soothing air *fresh and pure green fields all around * lovely sight * helpful neighbours

City :- *Vehicle-smoke *industries-smoke-pollution *Crowded streets * people-hurry-never relax

SECTION D: (LITERATURE) 31 MARKS

Q.10. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts. 1x3=3 marks

(A) A sweet face
My mother's, that was before I was born
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet

(i) The figure of speech used in the second line is-
(a) simile (b) metaphor (c) alliteration (d) repetition

(ii) What has not changed much?

(iii) Which word in the extract is an antonym of 'permanent'?

OR

(B) The Laburnum Top is silent, quite still
In the afternoon yellow September sunlight,
A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen.

(i) The figure of speech used in the second line is-
(a) simile (b) metaphor (c) alliteration (d) repetition

(ii) What quality of the Laburnum tree is described in these lines?

(iii) The mood in these lines is of……..
(a) serenity and quiet (b) decay and death (c) sadness (d) loss

Q.11.Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts. 1x3=3 marks

(A) "Take the wheel", I shouted as I scrambled for the hatch.

Larry and Herb were pumping like madmen. Broken timbers hung at crazy angles, the whole starboard side bulged inwards; clothes, crockery, charts, tins and toys sloshed about in deep water.

(i) Who does 'I' refer to? To whom did 'I' say, "Take the wheel."?

(ii) 'Larry and Herbs were pumping like madmen' is an example of-

(a) metaphor (b) simile (c) personification (d) Oxymoron

(iii) Which side of the ship is indicated here as 'starboard side'-

(a) left side (b) right side (c) bow (d) stern

OR

(B) My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart. I listen because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it

(i) Here, the phrase 'get to know by heart' means :-

(a) appreciate (b) rely (c) memorise (d) revise

(ii) The author listened to her prayer because……

(a) he loved her voice (b) she wanted him not to listen properly

(c) he wanted to learn it (d) she forced him to do so

(iii) What kind of relationship did the author and his grandmother have?

Q.12. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts. 1x4=4 marks

(A) I knew my cousin Mourad enjoyed being alive more than anybody else who had ever fallen into the world by mistake, but this was more than even I could believe. In the first place, my earliest memories had been memories of horses and my first longings had been longings to ride.

(i) The phrase 'being alive' refers to…….

(a) he was a living being (b) he had a flourishing life

(c) he was adventurous (d) being coward

(ii) The words "fallen into the world by mistake" match with……

(a) suddenly appeared (b) stumbled into the world

(c) born in this world (d) given birth by mistake

(iii) What is the meaning of the word 'longing'?

(iv) Name the chapter and its author of the above extract.

OR

(B) Well, you know my mother? I asked.

'Have you come back?' said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back.'

'Only me'

A door opened and closed in the passage behind her. A musty smell emerged.

(i) What does Mrs. Dorling mean by this when she says: 'I thought that no one had come back"

(a) She thought that everyone in Mrs s's family was dead.

(b) She thought that Mrs S had left her homeland for good

(c) She thought that Mrs S's family had abandoned all hopes to retrieve their things.
(d) She was happy to see Mrs S's daughter.

(ii) Why does the author say "only me"?
(a) She had travelled alone to help Mrs Dorling.
(b) Probably, her family had become immigrants.
(c) Only the author had returned to her motherland
(d) Only the author had survived the war in her family

(iii) Complete the following analogy
Perfume: Scent:: damp :_____

(iv) What was the probable reason for the musty smell that lingered in the house?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 40 to 50 words each. (One from prose and one from poetry) 3x2=6 marks

(i) Who was held responsible for the bad condition of the mummy? Why? (Discovering Tut…)

OR

What was peculiar about the event going on at Azad Maidan when Professor Gaitonde reached there? (The Adventure)

(ii) Bring out the hypocrisy that the adults exhibit with regard to love. (Childhood)

OR

Explain " I give life to my own origin." in the poem 'The Voice of the Rain".

Q.14. Answer any ONE the following questions using 40-50 words:- 3 marks

(i) Why does Doris say, " Mum-what's the matter with you? (Mother's Day)
(ii) How did Dr.Andrew feel after saving the lives of Susan Morgan and her child? What was Dr. Andrew's reaction and why did he say so? (Birth)

Q.15. Answer any ONE the following questions in about 120- 150 words:- 6 marks

(i) What do you think of the two portraits of fathers as seen in the poem' Father to Son' and the essay 'We are not Afraid to Die…….'.?
(ii) Both the narrator in 'Silk Road" and the team of Archaeologists in 'Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues' had to face many difficulties to achieve success in their mission. What were the difficulties faced by each?

Q.16 Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120- 150 words:- 6 marks

(a) Discuss 'The Tale of Melon City' as a humorous as well as an ironical by giving examples from the poem.
(b) 'Sometimes it does people good to have their feelings hurt'. Elaborate the statement of Mrs. Pearson with reference to the play 'Mother's Day'.

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