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**EEE CONSORTIUM**

**FINAL EXAMINATION (2019-20)**

**CLASS XI**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 Hrs**   **Max Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

The paper is divided into three Sections: A, B and C.

Section A: Reading Comprehension 20 Marks

Section B: Writing Skills and Grammar 30 Marks

Section C: Literature 30 Marks

i) All the sections are compulsory.

ii) Please check that this question paper contains 4printed pages.

iii) Please check that this question paper contains 13 questions.

iv) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

v) Read these instructions carefully and follow them.

vi) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions*.*

**SECTION A: READING (20 marks)**

**1.Read the following passage carefully. (8)**

Information technology and library are two faces of the same coin. In a village set-up, mostly the young and the old use libraries and the middle-aged make little use of these libraries. They need job-related information to update their, skills and knowledge. The library and information services play a dominant role in catering to education, information and recreational requirements of society I .library is an instrument of social change. All along with the concept, the library has been associated with literacy and books, and the librarian was considered the keeper of books, Concurrent with changes in society, the concept the f library has changed. It is a multimedia centre and a place for learning resources for the literates as well as the illiterates. Education is the key to individual achievement and national strength.

The integrated approach in starting at least a reading room in every hamlet is the need of the hour. Co-ordination between the Department of Education and Panchayati Raj in spreading the library movement is of paramount importance. The amalgamation of adult education programmes with library programmes also needs to be given a greater thought. The school can function in a hamlet on a village serving the common needs of students and the public. The massive permanent building programmes for weaker sections in rural areas should earmark at least one house for every 1.000 houses or in every cluster for library purpose. The services of a retired teacher or a retired employee in that hamlet can be availed. A person residing in the same hamlet is more useful with inherent advantages than an outsider for library work as the library has to function in the evening hours and to be extended for TV and Internet operations also. Information technology, Internet and e-commerce have great potential in catering to public needs. However, we have to be pragmatic in our approach in terms of electronic access to information in rural areas. Availability, affordability, accessibility, acceptability and sustainability of the service should also be kept in view. Once a common service place is identified, the IT-based services can conveniently be cushioned on. It is hoped that the State and Central governments will give top priority to this minimum facility.

A.1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using recognizable abbreviations. Use a format you think is suitable. Give a suitable title. (5marks)  
A.1.2 On the basis of notes prepare a Summary in not more than 80 words. (3 marks)

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12**

Bill believes in achieving his goals through hard work. He also believes that if you are intelligent and know how to use your intelligence, you can reach your goals and targets. From his early days, Bill was ambitious, competitive and intelligent. These qualities helped him to attain a great position in the profession he chose. Also, Bill was deemed by his peers and his teachers as smartest kid on campus; Bill’s parents came to know their son’s intelligence and decided to enroll him in a private school known for its intense academic environment. That was the most important decision in Bill Gate’s life, where he was first introduced to computers. Bill Gates and his friends were very much interested in computers and formed ‘Programmer’s Group’ in late 1968.This group found a new way to apply their computer skills in the University of Washington. In the next year, they got their first opportunity in Information Sciences Inc in which they were selected as programmers and even were promised a royalty. As a result of the business deal, signed with Information Sciences Inc, the group became a legal business.

Upon graduating from Lakeside School, Bill enrolled in Harvard University in 1973, one of the best universities in the country. He didn’t know what to do, so he enrolled his name for pre-law. He took the standard freshman courses with the exception of signing up for one of Harvard’s toughest mathematics courses. He did well over there, but he couldn’t find it interesting. He spent many long nights in front of the school’s computer and the next day fell asleep in class. After leaving school, he almost lost himself from the world of computers.

Within a year, Bill gates dropped out from Harvard. Then he formed Microsoft. Microsoft’s vision is “A computer on every desk and Microsoft software on every computer”. Bill is a visionary person and works very hard to achieve his vision. His belief in high intelligence and hard work has put him where he is today. He doesn’t believe in mere luck or God’s grace, but just hard work and competitiveness. His beliefs are so powerful that they have helped him increase his wealth and his monopoly in the industry.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, complete the statements by choosing the most appropriate option: 6 marks

(i)Bill Gates’ beliefs are……….

(a) hard work and competitiveness

(b) achieving his goals and knowing how to use your intelligence

(c) hard work and knowing how to use intelligence

(d) None of the above

(ii) Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard within a year because ……..

(a) He often slept in class

(b) He was not interested in pre-law

(c) He spent many long nights in front of the school’s computers

(d) None of the above

(iii) The word ….. in paragraph 1 is the antonym of ‘modest’.

(a)great (c)smartest

(b)much (d)ambitious

(iv) The word ……in paragraph 1 is the synonym of ‘implement’

(a)goals (b)concern

(c)apply (d)opportunity

(v) From which school did Bill graduate?

(a) Harvard (b) Washington school

(c) Lakeside school (d) pre-law school

(vi) Bill was deemed as the smartest kid in the campus by

(a) His friends only (b) his mathematics teacher

(c ) His neighbours (d) his peers and teachers

2.2. Answer the following questions briefly: 4

(i) What was the most important decision in Bill Gates’ life?

(ii) How did the ‘Programmer’s Group ‘become a legal business?

(iii) What unusual step did Bill take in Harvard University?

(iv) What factor helped Bill to increase his wealth and his monopoly in the industry?

2.3.(i) Which word in Paragraph-3 is synonymous to “complete control”?

(ii) Find a word from Paragraph-2 which is the antonym of “veteran”. 2

**SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)**

3**.** Your friend is an IIT Graduate and wants to launch an IIT-JEE Tutorial Centre. Draft a classified advertisement for him to be inserted in the local newspaper in not more than 50 words.

4 Marks

4. a. Write a letter in about 120-150 words to the Chairman of the National Library urging/requesting him to open a furnished public library in your locality. Mention the importance of inculcating reading habit not only amongst children but also adults, and how a library in the locality would help everyone in doing so. 6 Marks

4. b. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper showing concern that Delhi is becoming an unlivable city due to heavy traffic emitting poisonous gases and thereby increasing air pollution and also high noise level resulting in various health issues both physical and mental.Write the letter in about 120-150 words

6 Marks

5. You are Alok/Anita, a special correspondent of a leading local daily. You were sent to cover a cultural fiesta organised by the Lions Club of Mumbai in connection with a fund raising programme for the construction of a building for an orphanage in Mumbai. Write a report describing the event in 150-200 words to be published in the daily. 8 Marks

**Q.6. the following passage has not been edited. There is one mistake in every line. Identify the mistake and write the correct and incorrect word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number: ( ½ x 4= 2 marks)**

Budgies is commonly known as Lovebirds. eg.. is are

Budgies stays near water when it is hot, (a) …….. ……..

but when there are a lot of rain (b) …….. ……..

they spread out at far off places. (c) …….. ……..

They are sometimes see nestling on top (d) …….. ……..

of tall eucalyptus trees.

**7. Read the conversation given below and complete the following passage by filling in the blank places appropriately. Do not add any new information. ( ½ x 4=2 marks)**

Ruchi: When is the fancy dress competition in your school?

Tom: It is after two weeks.

Ruchi: Are you taking part in it?

Tom: Yes. I am taking part as a train engine driver.

Ruchi asked Tom (a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Tom replied that (b)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Ruchi enquired whether (c)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To this, Tom said (d)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**8. Change the voice of the following sentences: (1 x 2=2 marks)**

(i) Answer the following questions.

(ii) What cannot be cured, must be endured.

**SECTION C :LITERATURE (30 Marks)**

**Q.9. Read the extract and answer the questions: (1 x 2=2 marks)**

Father and son, we both must live

On the same globe and the same land,

He speaks: I cannot understand

Myself, why anger grows from grief.

We each put out an empty hand,

Longing for something to forgive.

(i) How does the poet feel when his relationship with his son comes under strain?

(ii) What could be the cause of their distancing from each other?

**Q.10. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each: any 5. (2x5=10 marks)**

i) ‘But why did I make the transition?’ What explanation did Rajendra give to the professor?

ii) What is your assessment of Taplow as a student? Write his brief character-sketch as well.

iii) What impression did the two towns Hor and Darchen leave on the author’s mind?

iv) How did Albert’s cousin Elsa try to persuade him to go on with his studies at Munich?

v) What do you know about Shahid’s love for cookery?

vi) What did Andrew do to restore life in the stillborn child?

**Q.11. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words: (1x 6=6)**

Describe the author’s experience at Darchen.

OR

What values do you learn from the goldfinch in the poem’ The Laburnum Top’?

**Q.12. Answer one of the following questions in about 120-150 words. (1x6=6)** Both Shahid and Amitav Ghosh were friends since eternity and to eternity they will be. What makes you think so? Give reasons.

OR

‘The Address’ is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.

**Q.13. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words: (1x6=6)**

“Population growth is the primary source of environmental damage”, Elucidate based on the chapter reading ‘The Ailing Planet’?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Professor Gaitonde based on specific events mentioned in the story.

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