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| **HY/ENAK/1122/D 03-OCT-2022** | | | | |
| **HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2022-23)** | | | | |
| **Subject: ENGLISH(CORE)- ANSWER KEY**  **Grade: XI** | | | Max. Marks:80Time: 3 Hrs | |
|  |  | **SECTION- A** | |  |
|  |  | **Reading: 18 Marks** | |  |
|  | **Q1.** | **Read the following passage carefully:** | | 10 M |
|  | 1 | (a) waiting for the right thought to emerge. | | 1 |
|  | 2 | (d) informative | | 1 |
|  | 3 | (c) knowledge of news and current affairs. | | 1 |
|  | 4 | (c) well-respected cartoonist. | | 1 |
|  | 5. | “(a) Don’t assume that you will become a cartoonist. | | 1 |
|  | 6 | (a) Talented | | 1 |
|  | 7 | (a) Admit | | 1 |
|  | 8 | (b) So, You Want to be a Cartoonist | | 1 |
|  | 9 | (a) Hard work, training and good sense of humour | | 1 |
|  | 10 | (a) Numerous | | 1 |
|  | **Q.2** | Read the following passage carefully: | | 8M |
|  | 1 | (d) Both I & III | | 1 |
|  | 2. | (b) Only II | | 1 |
|  | 3. | (b) Make a strong case for war as the logical resolution for water conflicts. | | 1 |
|  | 4. | (b) Conflict | | 1 |
|  | 5 | (a) Link all rivers to make a national grid. | | 1 |
|  | 6 | (a) Everchanging | | 1 |
|  | 7 | (b) False | | 1 |
|  | 8 | (b) Water is a precious resource | | 1 |
|  | **Q.3** | **SECTION-B**  **GRAMMAR** | | 12M |
|  | **I** | Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of verb given in brackets: | |  |
|  | 1. | .will win | | 1 |
|  | 2 | . had fought, attained | | 1 |
|  | 3 | . had departed | | 1 |
|  | 4 | . Has been staying | | 1 |
|  | 5 | will have passed | | 1 |
|  | 6 | Had given | | 1 |
|  | **II.** | Read the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. | |  |
|  | 1 | Albert was a victim of wrong education system where the only focus was on memorizing facts. | | 1 |
|  | 2 | Students must write a few suggestions in the end of letter to the editor and the article | | 1 |
|  | 3 | Sachin Tendulker has been appointed as Brand Ambassador of Rio Olympic | | 1 |
|  | 4 | Discipline is one of the essentials of life and is of great importance in all spheres of life | | 1 |
|  | 5 | The term global warming is used to describe the unnatural rise in earth’s average temperature | | 1 |
|  | 6 | The Hornbill is often displayed on the traditional tribal headgears worn during Naga festivities. | | 1 |
|  | **Q.4** | **WRITING** | | 18M |
|  | **I** | **Attempt any one of the following:** | | 5M |
|  |  | (5 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 2 / Expression: 2) | |  |
|  | **II.** | **Attempt any one of the following**: | | 5M |
|  |  | (5 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 2 / Expression: 2) | |  |
|  | **III.** | **Attempt any one of the following:** | | 8M |
|  |  | (8 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 3 / Expression: 2/Presentation2) | |  |
|  |  | **Section C**  **Literature** | | 32M |
|  | **Q.5** | **Reference to the Context** | |  |
|  | **I** | Attempt any one of the following: | |  |
|  |  | i) (c)It refers to the nest of the goldfinch where its young ones are staying | | 3M |
|  |  | ii) (c) simile | | 1 |
|  |  | iii) (c) by the arrival of the Goldfinch | | 1 |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | b) | |  |
|  |  | i) (b) twenty-three | | 1 |
|  |  | ii) (c)Transferred Epithet | | 1 |
|  |  | iii) (b) Alliteration | | 1 |
|  | **II** | Attempt any one of the following: | | 3M |
|  |  | a) | |  |
|  |  | (i)(b) god of afterlife | | 1 |
|  |  | (ii)(b) Howard Carter in 1922 | | 1 |
|  |  | (iii)(d) focusing less on treasure and more on the fascinating details of life and mysteries of death | | 1 |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | b) | |  |
|  |  | (i)(a) the author connected an electric-pump to an out-pipe | | 1 |
|  |  | (ii)(b) to help tackle one of the world’s roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean | | 1 |
|  |  | (iii)(b) dropped the storm jib and lashed a heavy mooring rope | | 1 |
|  | **III.** | Attempt any one of the following: | | 4M |
|  |  | (a | |  |
|  |  | (i)”  ©She saw familiar things, but in unfamiliar surroundings | | 1 |
|  |  | .(ii) (c) Both (a) and (b) | | 1 |
|  |  | (iii)(a) Haphazard | | 1 |
|  |  | (iv)(a) When they are out of our sight  OR | | 1 |
|  |  | (b) | |  |
|  |  | (i)  ©To ride a horse | | 1 |
|  |  | (ii)(a) John Byro | | 1 |
|  |  | (iii)(b) in a barn of a vineyard | | 1 |
|  |  | (iv(d) At the edge of town on Walnut Avenue | | 1 |
|  | **Q.6** | Answer the following in 40-50 words: | |  |
|  |  | Attempt any **two** of the following: | | 6M |
|  |  | a) What happened when the goldfinch came to the laburnum tree?  There was sound, activity and movement when the bird came, there was plenty of chirping. She went in to feed her chicks and the whole tree seemed to vibrate with the fluttering of wings and the shrill sound of her chicks.  **OR** | | 3 |
|  |  | Explain: The sea holiday was her past, mine is her laughter.  ‘her’ at both places refers to the poetess’s mother. The picture taken during the sea holiday 20-30 years ago made the mother laugh. Her sea holiday was her past. But twelve years after the mother’s death, her daughter has now become a thing of the past for the poetess. | |  |
|  |  | b) What could Khushwant Singh not believe about his grandparents?  It was almost unbelievable that the author’s grandfather ever had a wife and children. He looked as if he could have only lots of grandchildren. In case of the author’s grandmother, it was difficult to imagine or believe that she, too, once used to play as a child, that she was ever young and pretty, or that she too had a husband. | | 3 |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | Akhenaten went a little wacky. What did he do to earn such criticism?  Akhenaten was a crazy king. He promoted the worship of Aten, the Sun-god. So, he changed his name. He moved the religious capital from Thebes to the new city of Akhetaten. He attacked Amun, a major god. He broke Amun’s images and closed his temples. All this shocked the people**.** | |  |
|  | **Q.7** | **Attempt any one of the following in 40-50 words:** | | 4M |
|  |  | What are the unique traits of the Garoghlanian tribe?  The unique traits of the Garoghlanian tribe were that they were extremely poor but still they were famous for their honesty for centuries. They were proud as well as honest; they believed in doing the right deeds. No one o^ their tribe would ever steal. They were trustworthy. | |  |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | How did Mrs Dorling receive Mrs S’s daughter when she came back after several years? How do you explain her behaviour?  Mrs Dorling was extremely unfriendly to the narrator, Mrs S’s daughter, when she came back after several years. She understood she had come to claim the beautiful possessions like antiques and silver cutlery which had belonged to her family. Mrs Dorling had no intention of returning them. Therefore, she was rude. She did not even let her in. She told her that she could not do anything for her. It was not convenient for her to meet the narrator and that she should come some other time. Then she closed the door while the narrator was still on the doorstep. | |  |
|  | **Q.8** | **Attempt any one of the following in 120-150 words:** | | 6M |
|  |  | What problems did Howard Carter face in regard to King Tut’s mummy? What did he do to solve them?  At last Howard Carter, the British archaeologist, discovered King Tut’s burial chamber and his gold coffin in 1922. When he opened the last coffin, he found that the ritual resins had hardened. It had cemented Tut to the bottom of his solid gold coffin. He tried to loosen it by putting the mummy in the scorching sunshine. But it did not happen. Then he said the material had to be chiseled away from beneath the limbs and trunk. It was to be done before it was possible to raise the King’s remains. Carter defended it saying that the thieves would rip the mummy apart to remove the gold. So his men removed the mummy’s head and severed nearly major joint. Then they reassembled the remains on a layer of sand. They put the mummy in a wooden box. | |  |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | What were the troubles that they faced on the morning of 2 January? How did they counter nature’s wrath?  When they reached the southern Indian Ocean, one of the world’s roughest seas, they began to encounter strong winds. Apart from the gales, the size of the waves was alarming. It was as high as the main mast. Things became worse on 2 January when the waves became huge. The ship rose to the top of each wave and they could see endless waves approaching them, and the screaming of the wind seemed horrifying to them. To slow the boat down, they dropped the storm jib and lashed a heavy mooring rope in a loop across the stem. Then they double-lashed everything, went through their life-raft drill, attached lifelines, donned oilskins and life jackets**.** | |  |
|  | **Q.9** | **Attempt any one of the following in 120-150 words:** | | 6M |
|  |  | What were the narrator’s experience and reaction when she went to Mrs Dorling’s house a second time?  The narrator had an unpleasant experience during her first visit to Marconi Street. Mrs Dorling gave her a cold shoulder. But the narrator’s urge to see her things and touch them did not cool down. She decided to try a second time. This time Mrs Dorling’s daughter opened the door. The mother had gone out. Her daughter led the narrator to a room inside. The narrator found herself in the midst of familiar things which were scattered in a tasteless way all around. The sight oppressed her. She noticed the candle holder and the woollen tablecloth. She noticed her mother’s beautiful tea set and the silver cutlery being used by that family in that small, musty room. Mrs Dorling did not even know how to use those precious things. All those things oppressed her now. She decided to leave the house at the earliest. Her things evoked the memories of her earlier life, and she was now living in a small rented room. So she made up her mind to forget her things and also Mrs Dorling’s address | |  |
|  |  | **OR** | |  |
|  |  | Narrate the riding experience of Aram and Mourad.  ~ Aram was shocked to see the  horse, however, he put his shock aside and jumped out of the window to enjoy the  riding. Mourad rode the horse while Aram sat pillion, they took the horse to  the countryside behind their house. Mourad began singing that resembled roaring. After manoeuvring the horse from Walnut Avenue to Olive Avenue, Mourad  expresses his wish to ride alone. Mourad races the horse across the irrigation  ditch and after successful leaps over the ditch, he circles back to Aram. Aram forgets to signal the horse as it stands  still and eventually Aram kicks the muscles of the horse, the animal begins to  run. The horse takes off to the vineyard of Dikran Halabian instead of turning  back to Mourad and there it takes seven leaps and Aram falls eventually. It  takes half an hour for Mourad to get home as the horse races away. It certainly  doesn’t go as he initially wishes but it was an eventful one for Aram**.** | |  |

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