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| **ANSWER KEY** | | | | |
| **HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION (2023-24)** | | | | |
| **Subject: ENGLISH CORE (301)**  **Grade: XI** | | Max. Marks: 80Time: 3hrs | | |
|  | SECTION A – READING (26 marks) | | | |
| **I.** | **Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (IX10=10)** | | | |
| **1.** | b. small actions and decisions are important in one’s life | | | |
| **2.** | a. Steadily gave up bad habits | | | |
| **3.** | c. Every day Gandhi made efforts to change himself in some small way | | | |
| **4.** | b. They build character in small ways | | | |
| **5.** | c. Jason’s character is a combination of wit and kindness. | | | |
| **6.** | d. 5,4,3,2,1 | | | |
| **7.** | a. Things take time to grow | | | |
| **8.** | a. | | | |
| **9.** | b. Was it a beneficent spell nurtured by our ancestors’ good, obviously very good, karma? | | | |
| **10.** | b. 1,2,3 | | | |
| **II.** | **Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (IX8=8)** | | | |
| **1.** | 36% | | | |
| **2.** | a) 2 and 3 | | | |
| **3.** | 21◦C | | | |
| **4.** | b) Image 2 | | | |
| **5.** | a) If global warming is limited to 1.5 ◦C, then only a third of ice will be lost by 2100. | | | |
| **6.** | Afghanistan to Myanmar | | | |
| **7.** | Rapidly | | | |
| **8.** | c) 4,2,1,3 | | | |
| **III.** | **Note Making: 8 marks**  Note Making: 5marks  Title: 1 mark; Notes: 3 marks; Abbreviations: 1 mark  Summary: 3marks  Tile: 1 mark; Summary: 2 marks | | | |
|  | **SECTION B – GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (23 marks)** | | | |
| **IV.** | **Grammar: 7 marks** | | | |
| **1.** | 1. which 2. that 3. were 4. how | | | |
| **2.** | 1. Each boy in the class received a punishment the day before yesterday. 2. Until I told him, he had no idea I had won a medal. 3. It had only been a few minutes since he had walked outside when it began to rain. | | | |
| **V.** | **Creative Writing Skill: 16 marks** | | | |
| **1A/ 1B** | **Classified Advertisement: 4 marks**  Format – 1 Content – 2 Organization of ideas & Accuracy – 1 | | | |
| **2A/ 2B** | **Poster: 4 marks**  Format – 1 Content – 2 Organization of ideas & Accuracy – 1 | | | |
| **3A/ 3B** | **Speech Writing: 8 marks**  Format – 1 Content – 3 Organization of ideas & Accuracy – 2 Expressions – 2 | | | |
|  | **SECTION C – LITERATURE (31 Marks)** | | | |
| **VI.** | **Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.** | | | |
| **1.** | **Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.** | | | **1X3=3** |
| **1A.** | a) The goldfinch | | | |
|  | b) It became lively. | | | |
|  | c) iii) Simile | | | |
|  | **OR** | | | |
| **1B.** | a) It means that poet was completely in control of himself. | | | |
|  | b) It shows that the child has now grown meek and assertive. | | | |
|  | c) ii) He sensed his own individuality and a separate personality | | | |
| **2.** | **Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.** | | | **1X3=3** |
| **2A.** | a) Angry wind, Dark - bellied clouds | | | |
|  | b) Computed tomography | | | |
|  | c) ii) 1 and 4 | | | |
|  | **OR** | | | |
| **2B.** | a) iv) Meditation performed by Buddhist believers | | | |
|  | b) The narrator is referring to Lhamo. | | | |
|  | c) The word ‘drokba’ means shepherd | | | |
| **3.** | **Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.** | | | **1X4=4** |
| **3A.** | a) iii) 1,4 | | | |
|  | b) ii) The harness is often heavy and unmanageable than the load. | | | |
|  | c) iii) Disturbed | | | |
|  | d) She saw familiar things but in unfamiliar surroundings. | | | |
|  | **OR** | | | |
| **3B.** | a) ii) B and D | | | |
|  | b) Mourad was considered crazy by everyone who knew him because he was too obsessed about horses and could do anything for it. | | | |
|  | c) iii) In every family there are one or two people who show some traits of craziness. | | | |
|  | d) He had a way with animals. He was a good rider. Mourad was talented and bolder. | | | |
| **VII.** | **Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.** | | **3X2=6** | |
| **a)** | This is the last line of the poem. It describes that with the departure of the goldfinch from the Laburnum tree, it falls silent. The tree was noisy and lively when the goldfinch came to feed its chicks, but it reverts to its earlier self after its departure from the tree. | | | |
| **b)** | Educated person, an academic– speaks English - a Tibetan and very enthusiastic- to perform the kora – practical - suggested hiring yaks to carry their luggage - had a fine sense of humour - laughs at his own shortcomings | | | |
| **c)** | Akhenaten means the servant of the Aten i.e., the sun disc. He moved the religious capital from the old city of the Thebes to the new city of Akhenaten, also known now as Amarna. He smashed all the images of Amun, a major God and closed all his temples. These deeds led Ray Jonson to call Akhenaten 'Wacky'. | | | |
| **d)** | The realization that he was the master of his own mind, and could use it in any way he liked, filled him with self-confidence. He could now think independently and need not repeat the thoughts of others like a parrot. He could even think in ways which no one else could. | | | |
| **VIII.** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 40-50 words each.** | | **3X1=3** | |
| **a)** | After they changed their personalities, Mrs. Fitzgerald tells Mrs. Pearson not to give any explanations, not be meek or soft with her family. Instead, she should give a stern look or speak in harsh tone from time to time. | | | |
| **b)** | The title "Address" was aptly chosen, logically worded as it talks about the writer's situation of not having a permanent address. The importance of having an address on the doorstep of Mrs. Dorling seems ironic. The narrator intends to forget the address as Mrs. Dorling was selfish, greedy, and doesn't wish to give back the belongings of Mrs. S. This proves that the "address" to be an inauspicious one. The place, the locality needs to be forgotten. It is not worth keeping in memory which means the address is lost. Therefore, the title "address" is a befitting one. | | | |
| **IX.** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.** | | **6X1=6** | |
| **A.** | Value Points:   * It was a motionless afternoon of autumn September light. * The poet wants to portray the symbiotic relationship between the Laburnum tree and the Goldfinch. * During the days of early autumn, the leaves of the tree have turned yellow, and the seeds have fallen on the ground. | | | |
|  | **OR** | | | |
| **B.** | Sample Answer:  Perhaps no other Pharaoh of Egypt has fascinated the public mind so greatly as the boyish king Tutankhamun. Although he died in his teens and ruled for about nine years only, he introduced certain changes during his brief rule. These were significant as they marked restoration of the old ways of worship of Amun. The unanswered questions about the causes and modes of his death as well as his age at the time of death kept public curiosity alive.  After his death, his dead body has been a centre of scientific examination. Howard Carter, the British archaeologist discovered Tut’s tomb in 1922. In 1968, an anatomy Professor X-rayed the mummy. The Egyptian Mummy Project began an inventory in late 2003. It has so far recorded 600 and is continuing. The next phase of CT scanning with a portable CT machine began a 5 January 2005. The pride of place went to King Tut, whose mummy was the first to undergo C.T. scan. Thus, I fully endorse the aforesaid assertion. | | | |
| **X.** | **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.** | | **6X1=6** | |
| **A.** | Sample Answer:  I fully agree with the aforesaid statement. Drastic situations need drastic remedies. The thoughtless, selfish and spoilt members of the Pearson family do not understand the language of love and affection. Mrs. Pearson with Mrs. Fitzgerald’s bold and dominating personality and her toughness makes them realise their own state. Doris is the first to learn her lesson in civility and politeness. The criticism of her boyfriend seems quite unexpected to her— perhaps more than the non-compliance of her orders of ironing the yellow silk dress. Doris has tearful eyes. Cyril is also told to help himself. The mother’s declaration that she too will henceforth work forty hours a week, have the weekends off and go somewhere to enjoy herself come as a shock treatment. The balloon of her husband’s ego is punctured by disclosing to him how people at the club make fun of him. In the end all the three members come round and show their willingness to obey the mother’s command. | | | |
|  | **OR** | | | |
| **B.** | Uncle Khosrove was considered in the Garoghlanian tribe as one of the craziest persons. It was also believed by the tribe that Mourad was the natural descendant of the crazy streak in their tribe. Uncle Khosrove’s craziness was out of the world. He had the largest moustache in the surrounding. His talk was not less than roaring, which was but natural for him. Once when his son came running to tell him about his house on fire, he simply said, ‘It is no harm; pay no attention to it’. The barber who reminded him that it was his own house also got rebuked.  Khosrove also asked John Byro not to worry about the horse or the loss of money or even his paining legs and answered in the same way. Mourad was considered the natural descendant of this man though not a biological descendant mainly because of the crazy acts he was involved in. The act of stealing a horse because he was crazy about riding is an example to prove the same. Like the line of uncle Khosrove i.e. ‘It is no harm; pay no attention to it’ Mourad used to say that he had a way with the things, animals and even people. | | | |

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