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ONLINE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**STD XII****ENGLISH**

Time : 3 hours

(10 Pages)

Max. Marks: 80**SECTION I: PROSE****(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping)**

- QI (A) Read the first activity, then read the extract and do the activities that follow:** (12) [16]
A.1. Global Understanding: (2)

Arrange the following subsequent statements in the order of occurrence in the passage:

- i) Many industries have advanced by miles from their competitors.
- ii) It challenges the current computing technologies.
- iii) The massive data available with us can really work wonders.
- iv) A huge amount of data is collected.

There is a revolution in the lifestyle of people which has been affected by Big Data. Our food habits, our health care, our travelling, our scientific pursuits, you name it and everything has changed 360 degrees. The massive data available with us can really work wonders. Friends, do you know what happens when we like a post on Facebook or share a post on WhatsApp, visit any website, make online purchases, or watch videos? Yes, whatever activity we do online is recorded, monitored and analysed. So a huge amount of data is collected. Let me give you an idea of how huge the data might be. Big Data can be petabytes or exabytes of data consisting of billions to trillions of records of millions of people- all from different sources, for example web, sales, customer contact centre, social media, mobile data and so on. The data available to industries and companies is enormously increasing in volume, variation, velocity, veracity and value. Such a Big Data is easy to obtain but so massive that it challenges the current computing technologies and hence Big Data analytics is used to give insights that were previously incomprehensible. Big Data analytics is the complex process of examining large and varied data sets or Big Data to uncover information such as hidden patterns, unknown correlations, market trends and customer preferences. With such a huge data available with the industries they can have innumerable advantages hence all the industries are trying to reap the maximum benefit from it. Many industries have advanced by miles from their competitors. It's not the amount of data that is important but what the organizations do with the data is what matters.

A.2. Complex Factual: (2)

Complete the sentence by listing down the relevant points from the extract:

Big Data can be petabytes or exabytes of data consisting of billions to trillions of records of millions of people.....

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)

A.3. Inference: (2)

'Big Data analytics is the complex process of examining large and varied data sets.'
Explain this sentence.

A.4. Personal Response: (2)

"Big Data will help to bring improvement in society."
Give your personal opinion on this factual statement.

A.5. Language Study: (2)

"There is a revolution in the lifestyle of people which has been affected by Big Data."

- i) Identify and write whether it is a compound sentence or a complex sentence.
- ii) Now, split up this sentence into two simple sentences and write them as an answer.

A.6. Vocabulary: (2)

You have already read the following nouns in the extract, now write their verb forms:

- i) correlation :- to
- ii) revolution :- to
- iii) organization :- to
- iv) information :- to

B. Language Study (Non-textual Grammar) : (4)

B1 Do as instructed :

- i) It was December evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but the day had been a dreary one. (1)

(Choose the correct alternative that has the accurate usage of articles.)

- i) It was the December evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but a day had been a dreary one.
- ii) It was a December evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but the day had been a dreary one.
- iii) It was an December evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but the day had been a dreary one.
- iv) It was a December evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but a day had been a dreary one.

- ii) The yellow glare the shop-windows streamed out the steamy vaporous air. (1)

(Choose the correct alternative that has the accurate usage of prepositions.)

- i) The yellow glare in the shop-windows streamed out in the steamy, vaporous air.
- ii) The yellow glare from the shop-windows streamed out into the steamy, vaporous air.
- iii) The yellow glare out the shop-windows streamed out through the steamy, vaporous air.
- iv) The yellow glare over the shop-windows streamed out for the steamy, vaporous air.

iii) Choose the correct alternative from the following which has the modal auxiliary, (1) showing 'probability'.

- i) She ought to go to the London Library tomorrow.
- ii) She needs to go to the London Library tomorrow.
- iii) She should go to the London Library tomorrow.
- iv) She would go to the London Library tomorrow.

B2 Spot the Error : (1)

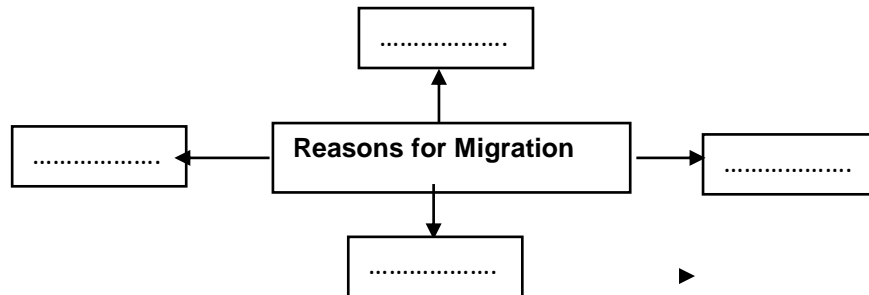
Spot the error and rewrite the sentence.

An apple is the bestest among all the Indian fruits.

Q2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below (12) [18]

A1 Complete the web:

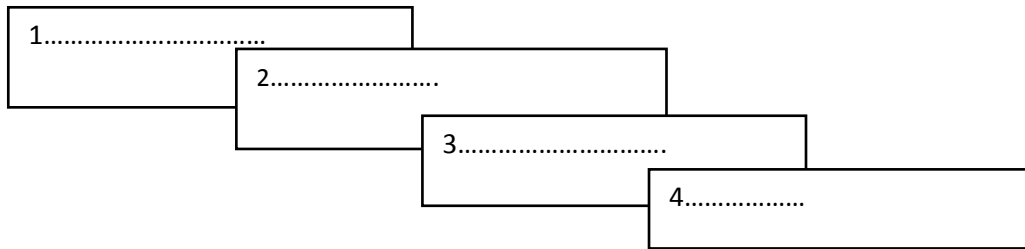
Complete the following web by filling in the reasons for migration. (2)



The lockdown restrictions halted most of the economic activities in the nation, leading to loss of employment in the formal and informal sector. The government took precautionary steps to curb the virus spread by restricting movement within regions, but the virus continued to spread and wreak havoc for the citizens. India is one of the most affected countries by the coronavirus pandemic. India is home to over 10 million street vendors and moving merchants who rely on foot traffic for a means of survival. Livelihoods of the street vendors depending on busy public places were impacted hard by the unprecedented lockdown measures. With less people out in the streets during the lockdown, the vendors in cities lost their source of income. Many people were unable to feed their families, which led to starvation and deprivation with numerous migrant workers moving back to their rural hometowns. After the lockdown restrictions were lifted, many street vendors still reported a drastic decrease in their income compared to the times before the pandemic outbreak. The vast majority of Indian women employed in the informal sector were unprepared to face the challenges that lay ahead. Although the Union organizations in cities and rural areas came alive, there was very little that could be done to sustain the livelihoods of street vendors in India. The rise of e-commerce and online purchases indicates that more people would rather buy online than risk their lives during a global pandemic.

- A2 **Find out:** (2)
Complete the following flow chart by finding out the appropriate points:

The impact of the outbreak of the pandemic in India is:



- A3 **Give Reason:** (2)
‘The rise of e-commerce and online purchases indicates a good sign!’
Justify this sentence by giving the supporting details from the passage.

- A4 **Personal Response:** (2)
“There is a gradual boom in street marketing” :
Express your personal opinion about the significance of this statement.

- A5 **Language Study:**
a] Busy public places were impacted hard by the unprecedented lockdown measures. (1)
(Choose the correct alternative to transform the above sentence into an active voice.)

- i) The unprecedented lockdown measures impacted the busy public places.
- ii) The unprecedented lockdown measures had impacted the busy public places.
- iii) The unprecedented lockdown measures will have impacted the busy public places.
- iv) The unprecedented lockdown measures always impact the busy public places.

- b] The vendors in cities lost the source of income.** (1)
(Choose the correct alternative to transform the above sentence in passive voice.)

- i) The source of income is lost by the vendors in cities.
- ii) The source of income is being lost by the vendors in cities.
- iii) The source of income has been lost by the vendors in cities.
- iv) The source of income was lost by the vendors in cities.

- A6 **Vocabulary:** (2)

Match the column A and B by choosing the correct option.

A	B
i. merchant	a. severe
ii. drastic	b. insolvent
	c. trader
	d. unaffluent

- (B) **Summary Writing:** (3)
Write a short summary of the above extract (Q.2 A) with the help of the given clues and **suggest a suitable title.**

- Livelihood sources.
- Urban and Rural life.
- Income and work.
- Government policies.
- Human nature.

(C) Mind Mapping:

(3)

“Nature is a great teacher and guide.”

Draw a mind map as per the above titled concept.

You may take the help of the following clues:

- Nature proffers.....
- Constant source of knowledge....
- Indicative guidelines or hints....
- Add your own novel ideas....

****(Points: 2 marks and Presentation: 1 mark out of 3.)***

SECTION II : (POETRY AND APPRECIATION)

Q3 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

(10) [14]

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.
Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am
good-fortune,
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing.
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road.
The earth, that is sufficient,
I do not want the constellations any nearer,
I know they are very well where they are,
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.
(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,
I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me
wherever I go,
I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,
I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)
-Walt Whitman

A1 Global Understanding: (2)

State whether the following statements are True or False.

Correct the false statements with the help of the poem and rewrite them.

- a) Strong and content I tarry on the open road.
- b) I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them.
- c) Henceforth we ask not for good-fortune, I myself am good fortune.
- d) I do want the constellations any nearer.

A2 Interpretation: (2)

"The poet is a person who is free from all inhibitions."

Explain in detail, how the concept of freedom is expressed in the above poem.

A3 Personal Response: (2)

"Healthy, free, the world before me"

Express your personal views on this poetic line in brief.

A4 Poetic Devices:

a) ...Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,

The above line is an example of.....

- i) Antithesis, ii) Alliteration, iii) Personification, iv) Paradox (1)

(Choose the correct answer.)

And explain in short, your correct choice of figure of speech. (1)

A5 Creativity: (2)

Compose two meaningful lines of your own, based on the theme of journey, ending with the following words.

.....load.

.....road.

(B) Appreciation of the poem: (4)

Read the following poem and write the appreciation of it, based on the given points.

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the days that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

- Edgar Guest

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Points:

- About the poem, poet and the title.
- The theme
- Poetic Style
- The language/poetic devices used in the poem.
- Message, value, ethics of the poem.
- Your opinion about the poem.

SECTION III: (WRITING SKILLS)

Q4 Complete the activities as per the instructions: (Total four activities) (16)

(A) Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

i) Imagine that you are a compere of the ‘Prize Distribution Ceremony’ of your college. Write a brief script for your live performance. (4)

You can take help of the following points.

1. Introduction - A brief introduction of the programme / function / show.

2. Welcome speech - Welcome of all guests.

Felicitation- felicitation of the guests (the principal, vice principal etc.)

3. Lighting the lamp

4. Welcome song

5. Main events

6. Vote of thanks

OR

ii) Given below is a template for a virtual message. (4)

Imagine you are working as a receptionist in a multinational company and you are supposed to maintain the call record.

Complete the details given in the template for a particular virtual message.

Call For :				
From :		Company :		
Date	Time	Phone		
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Message :				
Action (Circle One)				Taken By
Phoned	Returned Your Call	Call Back	Will Call Again	

OR

iii) Film Review: (4)

Write a film review in about 100 to 150 words for a movie you have watched recently with your family members.

You can use the following points.

(Story line, Producer, Director, Music Director, characters/ casting of the film, Setting / location, Conflict, Message and Significance of the title.)

(B) Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

i) Email Writing:

(4)

Write an informal email to your friend sharing your own experiences of the 'Lock-down' situation in your city. (Use a particular format of email you learnt in your textbook.)

OR

ii) Report Writing:

(4)

Your college arranged a mountain expedition at Sinhagad (Lion's Fort), previously known as Kondhana (height 4320 feet) located in Pune, Maharashtra. You participated in it. **Write a report of this expedition for your college magazine.**

You can use the following points:

Date and time of expedition--its details-- number of participants-- description of the trek and the climb to the top--its present condition-- experience of your group.

OR

iii) Appeal/Flyer

(4)

Prepare an appeal or a flyer to make students aware of the "Smart Classroom Drive."

Make an attractive slogan. You may use the following points.

- Persuasive appeal/request
- Programme/drive details
- People's active participation/contribution.
- Need to keep the classroom ahead of times
- Add your own ideas.

(C) Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

i) Statement of Purpose (SOP) :

(4)

Being an aspiring student of Ness Wadia College of Commerce, you may have planned your aim in life. Which institute/ university would you like to join for your graduation?

Prepare a Statement of Purpose to get admission in any good university.

OR

ii) Group Discussion:

(4)

There is an inter-school cricket match and your college is losing. As you are the captain, have a group discussion with your teammates in the tea-break about the strategy to be followed to save your college from losing the match.

Give at least four/ five suggestions by writing suitable dialogues.

OR

iii) Blog-Writing:

(4)

Write a blog-post in its format on the following topic:

"India leads everywhere on her own talent and skills..!!!"

(D) Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

i) Speech writing:

(4)

Prepare a brief speech in about 100-150 words on the topic:

"Say No to Junk Food"

(Points: Greeting and salutation, Introductory paragraph, Main Body, suggestions, solutions and concluding paragraph)

OR

ii) **Dialogue writing:** (4)

Imagine your friend has committed a grave mistake that has resulted in a great loss to the college property. He / She seeks your advice to come out of the situation/problem. Write a dialogue between you and your friend who describes the entire situation and seeks your help. You can use the following points.

- Introduction
- Confessing the mistake
- Seeking help
- Your advice/suggestion
- Concluding part

OR

iii) **Expansion of Idea:** (4)

Read the following proverbs. Choose any one and expand the idea.

1. The wise man has long ears and a short tongue.
2. Argument is the worst way of communication.
3. Behind the clouds the sky is always blue.

You can take help of the following points

- Key-points,
- Literal Meaning,
- Explanation of the idea.
- Conclusion.

SECTION IV: (LITERARY GENRE: NOVEL)

Q5 (A) Complete the activities as per the given instructions: (16)

(A) Do as you are instructed. (Based on “The History Novel”) (4)

A1 Match the columns: (2)

A	B
i. Setting	a) nutshell expression
ii. Theme	b) style
iii. Language	c) background
iv. Plot	d) course of events

A2 Write a short note on any one of the following: (2)

- i) Novella
- ii) Importance of Characters as an element of a novel
- iii) Indian tradition of novels

(B) Complete the activities based on “To Sir, with Love” in about 50 words each. (4)

B1 Give a brief character sketch of any two of the following: (One mark each) (2)

- a) Denham
- b) Miss Phillips
- c) Miss Dare
- d) Miss Joseph

B2 Ricky Braithwaite, the narrator, played a crucial role in bringing a change in the students. (2)

Explain this statement by giving appropriate references from the chapter.

(C) Complete the interesting activities given below from “Around the world in Eighty Days”. (4)

C1 Do as instructed:**(2)**

(i) Arrange the incidents in the correct sequence as per their occurrence.

- (a) Aouda accepted Fogg's proposal of marriage.
- (b) When set free, the first thing that Fogg did was he knocked Fix down.
- (c) As a part of duty, Fix arrested Fogg.
- (d) At the fifty-seventh second, Fogg entered the Reform Club Saloon.

(ii) Which of the following is an appropriate reason for Phileas Fogg starting his journey around the world?

- (a) Fellow members bet Fogg
- (b) Fogg bets his fellow members
- (c) Fogg wants to marry Aouda
- (d) Fogg committed robbery.

C2 Do as instructed :**(2)**

Write the central idea of the novel, "Around the World in Eighty Days", in 4-5 sentences.

(D) Complete the following activities based on "The Sign of Four".

(4)

D1 Write down the qualities of the following characters.

(2)

(a) Dr. Watson: 1).....2).....

(b) Sherlock Holmes: 1).....2).....

D2 Complete:

(2)

Which places/cities in India and England are mentioned /have appeared in the novel, "The Sign of Four". Also write about their importance in the given table.

	India	Importance	England	Importance
1)				
2)				

☻☻☻ End of the Activity Sheet. ☻ ☻ ☻

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