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Regional Level II COMMON MONTHLY TEST FOR CLASS XII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

M.M.: 50

TIME: 2 Hrs.

Section A Reading Skills (11Marks)		
Q1	Read the passage given below.	11
1	News – If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to research published by the World Psychological Association.	
2	"Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television," said lead author of the book yGen and professor of psychology at ABC University. "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."	
3	Swaner and her colleagues analysed data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976 to 2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991.	
4	Use of digital media increased substantially from 2006 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders, internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.	
5	"In the mid-2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day	

	on the internet – which included gaming – and just under two hours a day on social media,” said Swaner. That’s a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time.”											
6	In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print books and newspaper.											
7	The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In the early 1990s, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the late 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth- graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976, and approximately one- third did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.											
8	<p>There’s no lack of intelligence among young people. However due to over dependence on digital media they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.</p> <div data-bbox="333 1256 1195 1650" data-label="Figure"><p style="text-align: center;">Social Media Usage by Age</p><table><tr><th>Age</th><th>adults who use at least one social media site (%)</th></tr><tr><td>18-29</td><td>84%</td></tr><tr><td>30-49</td><td>81%</td></tr><tr><td>50-64</td><td>73%</td></tr><tr><td>65 +</td><td>45%</td></tr></table><p style="text-align: center;">Fig. 1</p></div>	Age	adults who use at least one social media site (%)	18-29	84%	30-49	81%	50-64	73%	65 +	45%	
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	On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :											
i	Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1?	1										

	<p>The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity. Select from the following :</p> <p>True: if the statement agrees with the information. False: if the statement contradicts the information. Not given: if there is no information on this.</p>	
ii	<p>Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research. In order to find out</p> <p>(a) Reading choices of teenagers. (b) Digital competency of teenagers. (c) Speed of reading text. (d) the decline of time spent on traditional media</p>	1
iii	<p>Complete the statement based on the following statement : Traditional media has been replaced by digital media, we can say this because ____.</p>	1
iv	<p>Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately? Support your answer with reference to the text.</p>	2
v	<p>Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for ____by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application. (a) following social media (b) reading long texts (c) building focus and concentration (d) developing constructive habits</p>	1
vi	<p>Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are _____. (a) texting, gaming, television (b) texting, gaming, social media (c) newspaper, books, magazine (d) television, books, gaming</p>	1

vii	Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words : Teens today hardly read print media for _____.	
viii	Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement: "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V."	1
ix	What does the author mean by 'degrading the time' in para 6? (a) spending less time (b) waste no time (c) consuming more time (d) saving time	1
x	As per Fig. 1, the percentage of people above 50 years is _____ the percentage of teenagers using social media. (a) greater than (b) less than (c) equal to (d) negligible to	1
Section B Creative Writing Skills (14)		
Q2	Attempt any ONE from A and B given below :	4
A	You have bought a new house in Meerut. Draft an invitation inviting your friends and relatives to the house warming ceremony. Mention day, date, time and venue. As Rajesh Sharma, draft the invitation in about 50 words.	
OR		
B	You are Manoj / Meena. You have received an invitation from your friend Vijay to a party to celebrate his admission in a prestigious Management Institute. Write an informal letter in about 50 words accepting the invitation. Mention day, date, time and venue.	
Q3	Attempt any ONE from A and B given below :	5
A	You are Amanpreet Kaur, a fresh graduate (Lady Shriram College of Commerce, Delhi). You saw the given advertisement in the Times of India and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter to Malik Sons & Company, 1/101, (LGF), Old Rajendra Nagar, Delhi, along with your bio-data , expressing your interest in the advertised post in 120-150 words.	
<p style="text-align: center;">SITUATION VACANT</p> <p>Required Semi -Qualified Audit Assistants & Computer Operators with 2 years of Experience for "Account and Finance" CA Firm. High salary for deserving candidates. Apply to "Director, Malik Sons & Company, 1/101, (LGF), Old</p>		

	Rajendra Nagar, Delhi Em:mkcompany.hr@gmail.com within 7 days with complete Bio-Data	
	OR	
B	<p>You have recently come across an advertisement in the Hindu for the post of software engineer in S.K. Global Solutions. Write an application with bio-data in about 120-150 words to The Manager, S.K. Global Solutions, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore. You are Ranjan / Ritu of Indra Nagar Bangalore.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">SK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Required Software Engineer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Job Responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write well-designed software Develop layouts Execute software development cycle. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Preferred Skills & Qualifications :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Tech. – Computer Science Experience – 3-5 years. </div>	
Q4	Attempt any ONE from A and B given below :	5
A	<p>You are Rahul / Rekha. There are frequent power cuts in your locality. You strongly feel that it is time to shift to solar power. Write an article in about 120-150 words on the topic "Solar Power. An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis". Support your ideas with the cues given below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> renewable energy reduce energy bill completely clean – no air or water pollution, no greenhouse gas effects, carbon free; no emissions low maintenance cost 	
	OR	
B	<p>You are Sunil /Megha of PM Shri Sudheer Public school, Chennai. On the completion of 25 years of meritorious service for the cause of education, your school celebrated its silver jubilee with great pomp and show. As the school captain write a report in 120-150 words for</p>	

	<p>the school magazine. Take ideas from the given cues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function lasted three days. • Each day devoted to noble cause. • Special attention to children with special needs • Visit to old age homes and orphanage • Book donation camp organised • Short skit highlighting social concern. 	
	Section C Literature (25 Marks)	
Q5	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any five .	5x1 =5
	<p>A thing of beauty is a joy forever Its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness: but will keep A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet and breathing. Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing A flowery band to bind us to the earth;</p>	
i	<p>Keats defines beauty as</p> <p>(a) transient (b) eternal (c) illusionary (d) short lived</p>	
ii	<p>'will keep a bower quiet for us' means all of the following EXCEPT</p> <p>(a) create a peaceful, shady place (b) provide a shelter (c) will decrease noise pollution (d) nature's canopy</p>	
iii	<p>On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beautiful things uplift the soul. 2. Beauty is ever changing. <p>(a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot. (b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot.</p>	

	(c) both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract. (d) both 1 and 2 cannot be inferred from the extract.	
iv	Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example: flowery band: metaphor:: _____: alliteration	
v	According to the poet 'every morrow' we are _____.	
vi	Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the first line of the extract: (a) I'm as happy as I can be (b) Life is a roller coaster ride (c) Nature is God's gift to us (d) The dazzling divas enchanted all.	
Q6	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.	4x1 =4
	I wonder, your Excellency, "Sadao murmured. " It was certainly very careless of me, "the General said. "But you understand it was not lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty." He looked anxiously at his doctor. "If the matter should come out you would understand that, won't you?" "Certainly your excellency," Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hands and as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe.	
i	Pick the option that best describes the word 'dereliction' as used in the passage. (i) evasion (ii) deterioration (iii) negligence (iv) carelessness (v) dilapidation (a) ii,iii,iv (b) I, iv, v (c) ii,iv,v (d) i, iii, iv	
ii	At the end of the conversation how did Sadao feel?	
iii	Pick the option that best matches the idioms with 'hand ' with their meanings.	
	1 hand in gloves	i. in the care of somebody good and knowledgeable
	2 in good hands	ii. to reveal a secret about one's plans
	3 tip one's hand	iii. do harm to someone who has been kind to you
	4 bite the hands that feeds you	iv. two or more people who are

	in collision	
	(a) (1-i); (2-iv); (3-iii); (4-ii) (b) (1-ii); (2-iii); (3-iv); (4-i) (c) (1-iv); (2-i); (3-ii); (4-iii) (d) (1-iii); (2-i); (3-iv); (4-ii)	
iv	Which matter is the General referring to?	
Q7	Answer any Two out of three questions given below in about 40-50 word.	2x2 =4
	i. How did the near drowning experience at the pool affect Douglas? ii. "The young girl sat and hung her head even more dejectedly than usual." What two reasons forced Edla to behave in this manner? iii. What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet', is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth?	
Q8	Answer any One out of two questions given below in about 40-50 word.	2
	i. Why was Dr. Sadao not sent abroad with the troops? ii. What are the significant features of 'Students on Ice Programme'?	
Q9	Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words :	5
	Gandhiji's loyalty was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was loyalty to living human beings. Why did Gandhiji continue his stay in Champaran even after indigo sharecropping disappeared?	
	OR	
	How would you compare the peddler's action in relation to the crofter and Edla? Would you say kindness does not always beget kindness and the condition for receiving kindness are important for it, to truly transform people?	
Q10	Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words :	5
	Dr. Sadao is disturbed and in a dilemma since he has decided to help the enemy soldier. Describe his conflict and the challenges faced in the form of a diary entry.	
	OR	
	How is visit to Antarctica instrumental in understanding the earth's present and shaping the earth's future?	

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