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| **UNIT TEST (2023-24)** | | | | | |
| **Subject: ENGLISH (Core)**  **Grade: 12** | | | **Max. Marks: 50**  **Time: 2 ½ Hrs** | | |
| **Name:** | | **Section:** | | **Roll No:** | |
| **General Instructions:**   1. All questions are compulsory. 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, WRITING and LITERATURE. 3. Read the instructions very carefully and follow them. 4. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet. 5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. | | | | | |
|  | **SECTION A**  **READING SKILLS 12M** | | | |  |
| **1.** | Read the following text.  1)In recent years, the thirst for travel, desire to be on the move, to visit new frontiers, get to places, etc. has seen a surge in both group and solo travel among youngsters in India. A survey conducted among those aged 18-25 sought to explore the reasons behind their travel preferences and recorded the percentage variation for 10 common points that influence travel choices.  2)Among those who prefer solo travel, the most common reason cited was the desire for independence and freedom (58%), followed closely by the opportunity for introspection and self-discovery (52%). Additionally, solo travelers appreciated the ability to customize their itinerary to their preferences (44%) and the chance to meet new people on their own terms (36%).  3)On the other hand, those who prefer group travel often cited the desire for socializing and making new friends (61%) as their primary reason. Group travel also provided a sense of security and safety in unfamiliar places (52%) and allowed for shared experiences and possibility of creating new memories with others (48%). Additionally, group travelers enjoyed the convenience of having pre-planned itineraries and organized transportation (38%).  4)Interestingly, both groups had similar levels of interest in exploring new cultures and trying new experiences (40% for solo travelers, 36% for group travelers). Similarly, both groups valued the opportunity to relax and escape from the stress of everyday life (36% for solo travelers, 32% for group travelers).  5)However, some notable differences between the two groups, were that, solo travelers placed a higher priority on budget-friendly travel options (38%) compared to group travelers (24%). Conversely, group travelers were more likely to prioritize luxury and comfort during their travels (28%) compared to solo travelers (12%).  6) Overall, the survey results suggest that both group and solo travel have their own unique advantages and appeal to different individuals, based on their preferences and priorities.  **Answer the following questions based on the above passage.**  i) Infer two possible ways that the survey mentioned in paragraph (1) could be beneficial.  Answer in about 30 words.  ii) Which travel choice point of the survey would influence tour operators to incorporate group dinners, social events, and shared accommodations in their itinerary?  A. Freedom to customize itinerary  B. Luxury and comfort  C. Security and safety  D. Desire for making new friends  iii) What can be inferred about youngsters’ preference to travel solo and in a group?  iv) Identify the solo traveler from the following three travelers:  (a) Reshma- I don’t want to keep hunting for rickshaws or taxis. A pre-booked vehicle is  perfect.  (b) Nawaz-I’m happy sharing a room in a hostel. I don’t need hotel accommodation.  (c) Deepak-I’m not worried about my well-being, even while exploring remote areas.  v) Which of the following is an example of an opportunity for self-discovery, as mentioned in paragraph 2? Explain.  A. Trying new cuisine  B. Hiring a tour guide  C. Purchasing local artifacts  D. Advance booking travel tickets  vi) Explain how differences in budget priorities between solo and group travelers may impact the types of accommodations and activities offered by the travel industry in India.  vii) Complete the sentence:  The similarities in the percentage of both solo and group travelers who are interested in  exploring new cultures and trying new experiences may be due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  viii) Identify whether TRUE or FALSE and give one reason to explain your choice.  The title, "Wanderlust: The Solo Travel Trend Among Young Adults in India", is appropriate for this passage. | | | | **12**  **2**  **1**  **1**  **1**  **2**  **2**  **1**  **2** |
|  | **SECTION B**  **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 18M** | | | |  |
| **2.** | **Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words**.  You have been invited to judge an interschool science exhibition which is being organized by a reputed school in Mysore. However, you are unable to accept the invitation. Write a reply to the concerned authority regarding the same, stating a valid reason.  **OR**  You are Navin Trivedi, Head Boy of Spring dales Public School, Mangalore. Your school is organizing an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 2 Jan to 8 Jan 2024. Write a formal invitation to M.S. Dhoni, to inaugurate the championship on 2 Jan at 10 a.m. at your school grounds. | | | | **4** |
| 3.  4.  **5**. | **Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words**.  You are the Student Head, Cultural Coordinator, at R.S. Senior. Sec. School. Your school is organising a 5-day overnight camp over the weekend, for the students of grade 11. Draft a notice to share information about the camp and include other necessary details.  **OR**  You are the Student Head, Literary Club, of KSV Public School Nagpur. Your school is organizing a 2-day authors' meeting over the weekend, with members of the school Literary Club. Create a notice to draw publicity about the same.  **Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.**  You are Renu of 334, Kirti Nagar. You came across an advertisement which claimed that the BTN Sussex University in collaboration with its Indian counterpart offers the first year of study in India and the next three subsequent years in the UK. You joined the above course. Despite having spent a substantial amount, you haven’t been able to proceed to the UK for your studies. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a newspaper drawing the attention of the public and the education authorities to such advertisements which befool students. Suggest measures which could be taken against unscrupulous vendors of education.  **OR**  You understand the necessity of education and financial independence of women for the betterment of their family, society and in turn, the nation. Write a letter to the Editor of ‘The National Times’ highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi.  **Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.**  You are Mridul/Mridula, a Hindustan Times correspondent. You witnessed a protest rally by a youth organisation. Write a report in 120-150 words, covering the purpose of the rally, details of the event, reaction of the public, etc. for your newspaper.  **OR**  Write a report in 120-150 words for your school magazine describing the prize distribution ceremony that was held to honour the academic achievers of class XII of the previous year.  **SECTION C**  **LITERATURE 20M** | | | | 4  **5**  **5** |
| **6.** | **Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow.**  The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,  Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts  At having the landscape marred with the artless paint  Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong…  i) The polished traffic in particular refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  a) sophisticated city dwellers in their vehicles.  b) shiny cars that the poet sees on the road.  c) extremely affluent people living in the neighborhood.  d) civilized manner in which traffic is coordinated.  ii) ‘The urban and educated people have their minds ahead.’  Choose the option which suggests the correct meaning-  a) The people are well educated and knowledgeable about the condition of the poor.  b) The people are concentrating on the road that is ahead in order to drive safely.  c) The people are preoccupied only by the thoughts of their lives and nothing else.  d) The people are focused on their goal of bettering the country.  iii) What do the urban rich feel about the S and N signs that have been painted wrong?  a) Tolerant  b) Amused  c) Sympathetic  d) Annoyed  iv) The passers-by find the sign artless but the landscape \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  a) animated  b) aesthetic  c) amusing  d)ancient  v) Choose the correct option to identify the name of the poem and the poet-  a) A Thing of Beauty by John Keats  b) A Roadside Stand by Robert Frost  c) Keeping Quiet by Stephen Spender  d) A Thing of Beauty by Pablo Neruda  vi) The antonym of the word ‘marred’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   1. distorted 2. enhanced 3. disfigured 4. defaced | | | | **6**  **1**  **1**  **1**  **1**  **1**  **1** |
| **7.** | **Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow.** | | | | **4** |
|  | “I wondered, 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, wouldn’t you?”  “Certainly, Your Excellency,” Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hand and that as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe. “I swear to your loyalty. Excellency,” he said to the old General, “and to your zeal against the enemy.”  i) Identify the option that best describes the word ‘dereliction’ as used in the passage.  1. evasion  2. negligence  3. dilapidation  4. management  a) 3  b) 1  c) 2  d) 4  ii) At the end of the conversation with the General, Sadao felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  a) rejuvenated and guilt-free.  b) conceited and egotistic.  c) refreshed and self-conscious.  d) relieved and guilt-free.  iii) Read the analysis of the General based on the given extract. Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the given blanks:  The General (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power but is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the obligations of his job. He is so (iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with his health that he forgets to send the assassins to kill the prisoner. Due to his (iv) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interests, he doesn’t want to expose Sadao and agrees to keep the prisoner’s escape a secret.  a) (i) fantasizes; (ii) lonely; (iii) consumed; (iv) vested  b) (i) relishes; (ii) weary; (iii) self-absorbed; (iv) selfish  c) (i) fancies; (ii) apathetic; (iii) negligent; (iv) worthless  d) (i) desires; (ii) concerned; (iii) indisposed; (iv) narrow  iv) Pick the option that best matches the ‘hand’ idioms with their meanings.  **Idioms Meanings**  1. hand in glove A) in the care of somebody good and knowledgeable  2. in good hands B) to reveal a secret about one’s plans  3. tip one’s hand C) do harm to someone who has been kind to you  4. bite the hand that feeds you D) two or more people who are in collusion  a) 1-A; 2-D; 3-C; 4-B  b) 1-B; 2-C; 3-D; 4-A  c) 1-D; 2-A; 3-B; 4-C  d) 1-C; 2-A; 3-D; 4-B | | | | **1**  **1**  **1**  **1** |
| **8.** | **Attempt any two of the following questions given below in about 30-40 words.** | | | | **2x2=4** |
|  | 1. Why was Sadao not arrested even though he had harboured an enemy? 2. What does Umberto Eco refer to as “interstices”? Explain in brief. 3. Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?   **Attempt any one of the following questions given below within 120-150 words** .   1. Identify instances when Lamb displays signs of loneliness and disappointment. How does he overcome these feelings?   **OR**   1. Why is Subbu referred to as a many-sided genius? Explain four of his special abilities. | | | | **1x6=6** |

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