

English Core  
Code No. 301  
Class XI  
Sample Question Paper

Time : 3 hrs.

M. Marks 80

General Instructions :

This question paper is divided into five sections :

Section A	Reading Comprehension	15 Marks
Section B	Writing	20 Marks
Section C	Grammar	10 Marks
Section D	Text Books	20 Marks
Section E	Long Reading Text - Novel	15 Marks

All questions are compulsory marks are indicated against each question :-

Section A - Reading

(15 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :-

With its interesting history and dedicated residents, Tombstone has become an important tourist destination in the U. S.

The San Pedro valley of Southern Arizona, U. S., was ruled by the Apaches and they were led by great warriors. Their animosity towards the settlers was no secret But the settlers were adventurous, defying all risks and Continued to explore the land prospecting for gold and mineral ore. One such prospecftor was Edward Lawrence Schieffelian, from Pennsylvania, a amn of indomitable spirit.

Schieffelian spent years exploring and travelled from Idaho and ultimately reached the San Pedro valley. Hiding himself from the Apaches in teh lonely desolate mountains, he starved and faced death many times over. But he continued with his quest. When he reached the San Pedro valley one of his comrades commented, " You keep fooling around out there amougst the Apaches and the only rock you will find will be you will find will be your tombstone." Turning a deaf ear to this

warning Schief felien continued his search and finally fortune smiled on him. He found an entire silver lode. He decide to name his first silver claim "Tombstone" keeping in mind what his comrade had told him. Soon the town came to be known as Tombstone keeping in mind what his comrade had told him. Soon the town came to be known as Tombstone.

By 1880, Tombstone became a flourishing town, notorious for its saloons like the Crystal Palance and Big Nose Kate's and gambling houses. The Tombstone Epitah, a daily begun by John. P Clum, continues to be in business. News of the riches of Tombstone spread far and it became a place of easy target for the unscrupulous. A gang of outlaws who operated along the Mexican borders stole cattle robbed stagecoaches and ambuseed teamsters.

The government decided to resolve the lawlessness and posted a police team of four, headed by Virgil Earp whose first job was to get Clanton, a member of the gang. The result was the notorious Earp-Clanton gunfight at OK Corral

Today, visitors to OK Corral see life-size replicas of the fighters. A photo gallery gives you an idea of how the place was in the 1880s and Apache chief Geronimo takes the visitor through the colourful pas of Tambstone.

Everyday, the gunfight at OK Corral is enacted by the Boothhill Gunslingers. The funds raised from these shows go to charity the Tombstone Cowboys perform a comedy and their slogan is "we guarantee you'll laugh or we'll shoot you". The Six Gun City wild west show takes you through the historic events of the town. The gunfights at Allen Street are also a major touriest it of the cowboys lingers on. This is a town " Too tough to Die". Shops sell cowboy paraphernalia-stetsons, long boots leather pants.

In 1882 there was a devastating fire and the estimated loss of property was more than half a million in dollars. The mines produced millions of dollars in silver and gold but had to be abandoned due to under ground water seepage in 1886. but the story ot Tombstone did not end. Through hard work and dedication the residents put it on the touriest map and today it is one of the major attractions of the U. S.

A. Write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answersheet.

a) The Apaches treated the settlers as -

(i) their mothers

(ii) their friends

(iii) their enemies

(iv) their neighbours.

b) Basic items for cowboys sold at shops are -

(i) Gums, cows and pants

(ii) stetsons, long boots and leather pants.

(iii) stetsons, gums and long boots

(iv) Gums, leather pants and long boots.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly-

(a) Why did the settlers take the risk and explore the land?

(b) Why did Schieffelin hide himself in San Pedro valley?

(c) Why did Schieffelin call his first silver code on Tombstone?

(d) How did Tombstone Epitaph help the outlaws?

(e) How did the government try to resolve the lawlessness?

(f) Why were the mines of gold and silver abandoned?

(g) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'Famous for mischiefs'.

(h) Find out a word from the passage which means the opposite of 'minor'

1x8 = 8

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow :-

Did you know that two Hollywood blockbusters. "Water World" and "Day after Tomorrow" were based on aspects of climate change (with a little dramatic exaggeration, of course)? They portrayed how reckless industrial activity causes global warming which in turn has disastrous consequences.

Climate change is very real. Houses have been destroyed by typhoons and freak storms. Thousands of Europeans died in a heat wave two years ago. Melting ice caps, dying coral reefs and permanent flooding of several coastal zones are imminent. People in the Arctic regions have seen unusual birds, and animals in their locality that are normally only found in warmer climates.

When fossil fuels like oil, coal and natural gas are burnt, the carbon dioxide generated envelops the earth and traps heat inside the planet's atmosphere just like a greenhouse traps heat inside itself. Coal-based thermal power plants are the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions. Petrol, diesel and natural gas based transport, CFC gases, coolants in air conditioners, fridges and air fresheners also contribute to the greenhouse effect.

Today, scientists warn that if average temperatures of the planet rise by 2 Celsius terrible things could happen. The ice sheet over Greenland could melt entirely. The Amazon rain forest ecosystem could get completely destroyed. Tens of millions of people could be deprived of even the most basic food, millions could have their homes flooded and many more will face water shortages. Governments of several industrialised countries have signed the Kyoto Protocol, an agreement to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases in the coming years.

Unfortunately the U. S., the biggest emitter, responsible for nearly a quarter of the world's carbon dioxide emissions (though it has only four percent of the world's population) has refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol!

Global fossil fuel reserves are diminishing but we need to do something soon.

Governments need to stop giving easy loans and benefits to fossil fuel industries and start funding technologies that don't cause global warming.

Safer and cleaner sources of energy like windmills, energy from windmills, energy from biomass, wave energy from seashores and of course solar energy are becoming increasingly popular.

It is up to governments to acknowledge that these are viable profitable sources of energy, and increase investments in clean energy

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using heading and sub-headings also use recognizable abbreviation wherever necessary (Minimum 4) Supply a suitable Title (5 Marks)

B. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words.

(2 Marks)

### Section B

Writing - 20 Marks

3. You are Rita/Rani of Army Public School, Delhi. Design a poster for literary festival to be organised in your school by the literary club during 'Literary week', campaign

(5 Marks)

or

Your father, a resident of 15 B, Vasant Vihar is transferred to Pune. He wants to sell the electronic goods like T. V., A.C. and music player write an advertisement for the sale in the columns of the time of India.

(5 Marks)

4. You are Abhinav/ Aardhana of Rohini. You are appalled to read the survey reports of UNICEF which depicts the miserable condition of millions of children in India. You feel that educated and rich children can play a vital role in changing their attitude towards education and health. Write an article on the topic role of children in the development of society in about 150-200 words.

(8 Marks)

or

Your friend Niharika was asked to write a story to participate in 'National story writing contest.' But she could not complete the story as she fell ill. Complete her story in about 150-200 words on the basis of the beginning given here.

Kiran was wide awake. She tried to sleep but could not, as her parents were away from home and her maid had to leave early to go to the doctor. She switched on T. V. but suddenly.....

5. You are Preeti/Ajay, head of school examination committee of SKV, Mangolpuri you want to place an order for supply of some articles with Gupta stationers, Daryaganj, Place the order to the dealers regarding stationery items required for the exams.

(7 Marks)

or

You are Raveena/Ravi from Pitam Pura you read the advertisement for the post of coaches for Junior girls and Junior boys table tennis tournaments. Write a letter to the principal secretary of Rohini Sports Club applying for the job giving your complete Bio Data.

(7 Marks)

## Section C

### Grammar -10 Marks

6. The following passage has not been edited, Underline the error in each line and write the correction in the space provided.

In order to release examination	a. ....
related tension create a peaceful	b. ....
atmosphere after you that sets you free	c. ....
It helps you for know yourself observe his health. It does not	d. ....
mean that he has to count	
your health. It means being aware	e. ....
of a movement of your health	f. ....
students should practice 'Pranayam' who hepls tackle	g. ....

7. In the unedited passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it is your answer sheet ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

There nutrients in nearly any type	a. ....
of food- but nutrients need eaten	b. ....
in the right amount. Too much or doesn't	c. ....
help you stay healthy. To help	d. ....
guide everyone how much of each	e. ....
type of food a person eat scientists	f. ....
came up the idea of a food pyramid	g. ....
if you eat too much of the food groups	h. ....
the top and too little of the food groups at the bottom	i. ....
the pyramid collapse.	j. ....

8. Rearrange the following up words into meaningful sentences.

a. to/and/herself/hillside/the/with/story/grumbling/ down/hegins/rat/thumblng/the muttuig

b. Vally/are/the/their/humans/invading/peaceful/beautiful/and 1x2=2

## Section - D

### Textual Question (20 Marks)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :-

Some twenty-thirty-years later  
She'd laugh at the snapshot  
"See Betly and Dolly; she'd say, "and look how they  
dressed us for the beach" The sea holiday was her past, mine is  
her laughter. Both wry  
with the laboured ease of loss.

- Who would laugh seeing the snapshot?
- Who are betty and dolly?
- When did beach holiday take place?
- Why does the poet try to forget the memories of her mother?

or

Yet have I killed

The seed I spent or sown it where the land is his and none of mine?

We speak like strangers, there's no sign of understanding in the air

- Who does 'I' refer to here?
- The 'seed' here refers to .....?
- Why do 'we' speak like strangers?
- 'We speak like strangers, there is no sign' which figure of speech is used here?

10. Answer any five of the following question in upto 40 words?

- Which is the third important element in Daoism?
- Why was Tut's demise a big event?
- Why were Aram and Mourad crazy about the beautiful white horse?
- Why did the narrator finally decide to forget the address?
- Why was Joe Morgan waiting for the doctor?
- How does the rain highlight its any rise and fall? (2x5=10)

11. Answer the following question in about 150 words :-

Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother.

or

Compare and contrast the character sketch of Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Fitzgerald

(6 Marks)

#### SECTION E

12. What was Booker T. Washington's objective in setting up and Turkegee Institute? Did he realise his goals?

(150 Words)

(8 Marks)

or

12. Virginia's disappearance brings her to forefront. Explain

13. Describe the role of twins in driving the ghost to a depressed state of mind in 130 words

(7 Marks)

13. The ghost desired to befriend another ghost. Give reasons.