

MONTHLY TEST–AUGUST 2022(SET-1)

SUBJECT—ENGLISH CORE, CLASS — XII

M.M. --- 40

TIME— 90 MINUTES

READING SECTION -- 10 MARKS,

Q-1 Read the passage carefully:

(1) Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. These are the words which are inscribed on the famous Statue of Liberty in New York. But ironically, those who go there are not the poor and the wretched but the skilled and the highly qualified doctors, engineers, scientists, nurses, technicians from other countries around the world including India. (2) The urge to go to the West has become more compelling in India in the post-independence years. Both the world wars and political upheavals like civil wars and revolutions had spawned large scale migrations around the world during the first half of the 20th century. The migrations in the latter half have stemmed from the economic motivation. People in power like scientists and skilled persons have from the very beginning, played a key role in the international migration. The conscious policy to encourage the migration of high-quality manpower from other regions and countries is related to the positive contribution and inputs made by these immigrants to their country of adoption, resulting in a net advantage resulting in increased profit to. (3) The earnings and remittances from the Indians who are settled abroad or their eventual return, are a poor compensation for the lasting and serious loss inflicted by their outflow which is irreparable. The specific objectives of the anti-brain drain policies, within the specific framework of independent development, are in whatever way possible trying to bring back to a limited extent in whatever way possible, the lost talents and skills from foreign countries and start reducing the outflow in the short run and finally end it in whatever way possible in the future, except that necessitated by genuine, multilateral international dependence. (4) Brain Drain means the professionals going abroad to work and settle. This is not good for the country of departure because nowadays all the good brains are going out to work for other countries in the world. If they had efficiently utilised their brains in their own country, India could have been a far better and developed country. America has become a developed country because the maximum number of employees consists of skilled Indians. So if those employees had worked for the India instead of going to America, India would surely have become equivalent to America if the Indians who left had decided to stay back. So Brain Drain is not good from the economic point of view.

On the other basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following

Q-1 "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" are inscribed on.....

- A) Gateway of India B) Statue of Liberty C) Taj Mahal D) Lincoln Memorial

Q-2 Who goes to America?

- A) Poor B) Unemployed C) Wretched D) Qualified people

Q-3 The urge to go to the..... has been compelling in India.

- A) West B) North C) South D) East

Q-4 has spawned large migrations during the first half of the 20th century.

- A) Natural disaster B) Unemployment C) World wars D) Economic depression

Q-5 Migration in the later half was a result of

- A) Better lifestyle B) Good climatic conditions C) Better healthcare D) Economic motivation

Q-6 Returning India provides for the lasting and serious loss inflicted by their outflow.

- A) Poor compensation B) Economic dependence C) Financial boost D) Increased compensation

Q-7 What is Brain Drain?

Q-8 What has migration given to their adopted country?

Q-9 What is meant by the word 'Inscribed'? (para-1)

Q-10 Find the word from the passage which means 'great changes or disturbances'. (para-2)

WRITING SECTION - 10 MARKS

Q-2 You are Dev/Dristi from Vijay Senior Secondary School, Mumbai. Write a notice for the students of class 9 to 12 for the Regional Sports Meet to be held in your school (5 marks)

Q-3 Students are stressed due to cut-throat competition and consumerist culture. Write an article in 150-200 words on the causes of the stress on the modern generation suggesting suitable solutions. (5 marks)

LITERATURE SECTION-20 MARKS

Q-4 Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the correct option. (1X4=4marks)

It would be an exotic moment without rush,
without engines, we would all be together in a sudden strangeness.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of these lines.
- (b) What will happen if there is no rush or running of engines?
- (c) What sort of moment will it be?
- (d) How would all of us feel at that moment?

Q5. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: 1x3=3Marks

You lose all earthly sense of perspective and time here. Days go on and on and on in surreal 24-hour austral summer light, and a ubiquitous silence, interrupted only by the occasional avalanche or calving ice sheet, consecrates the place. It's an immersion that will force you to place yourself in the context of the earth's geological history. And for humans, the prognosis isn't good

- a) How do you feel when you reach at Antarctica?
- b) Explain ubiquitous silence in one line
- c) write the word that means: a forecast of the likely outcome of a situation.

Q6. Attempt any four questions-- (2x4=8 Marks)

- a) What alternative does Pablo Neruda suggest people instead of indulging in wars?
 - b) How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas?
 - c) What was Akademik Shokalskiy? Where was it headed and why?
 - d) How is man blamed for despoiling the Earth and climate changes? How can you see the effect of these changes in Antarctica?
 - e) Arrange the following line in chronological order.
 - So he ceased all efforts and he became unconscious.
 - William Douglas developed a great aversion to water.
 - At the age of ten or eleven he decided to learn to swim with water wings at the Y.M.C.A pool
 - Hired an instructor to learn swimming.
 - Swimming up and down the Warm Lake he finally overcame his fear of water.
- A big boy threw Douglas into deep end of the pool.

Q7. (Attempt any ONE): 1X5=5Marks

How did Douglas struggle after he was thrown into the YMCA pool by a big boy?

OR

Why is Antarctica the place to go to if we want to study the earth's past, present and future?